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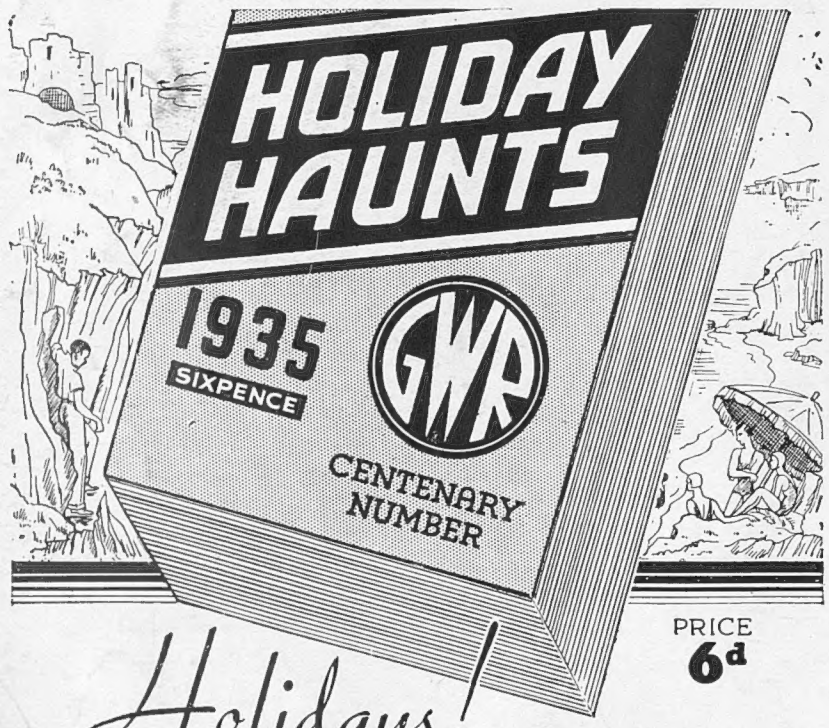

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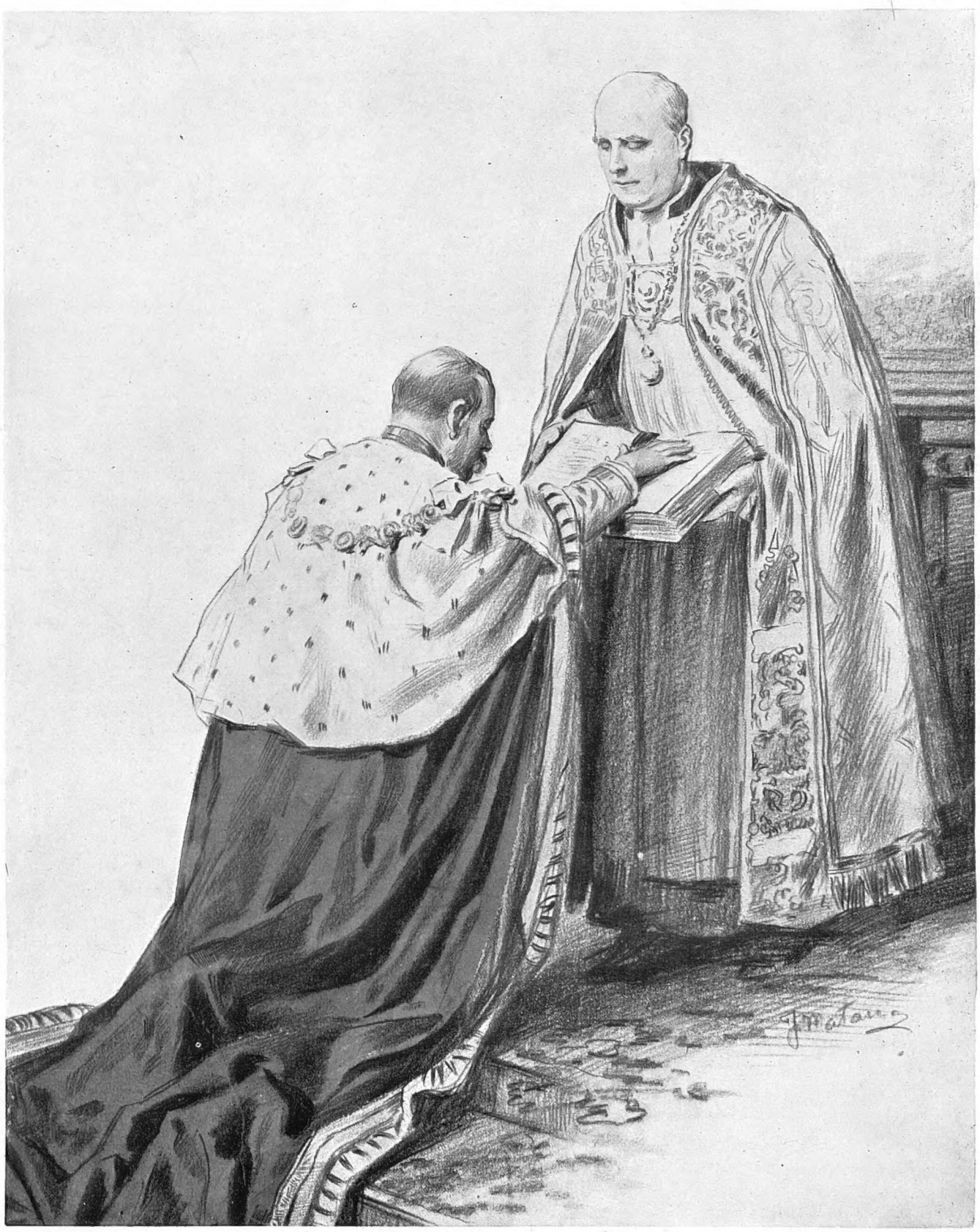

THE START OF A CHAPTER—THE CORONATION OATH

A drawing by F. Matania, the famous "Sphere" artist, showing King George, with his hand on the Bible, taking the Coronation Oath in the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury in Westminster Abbey on June 22, 1911, when he swore to maintain the laws of England and the laws of God. On this day was officially inaugurated a new and glorious reign, and now the world can look back and realize how faithfully His Majesty has kept those promises and served his people both in times of crisis and of prosperity

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LONDON PREPARES
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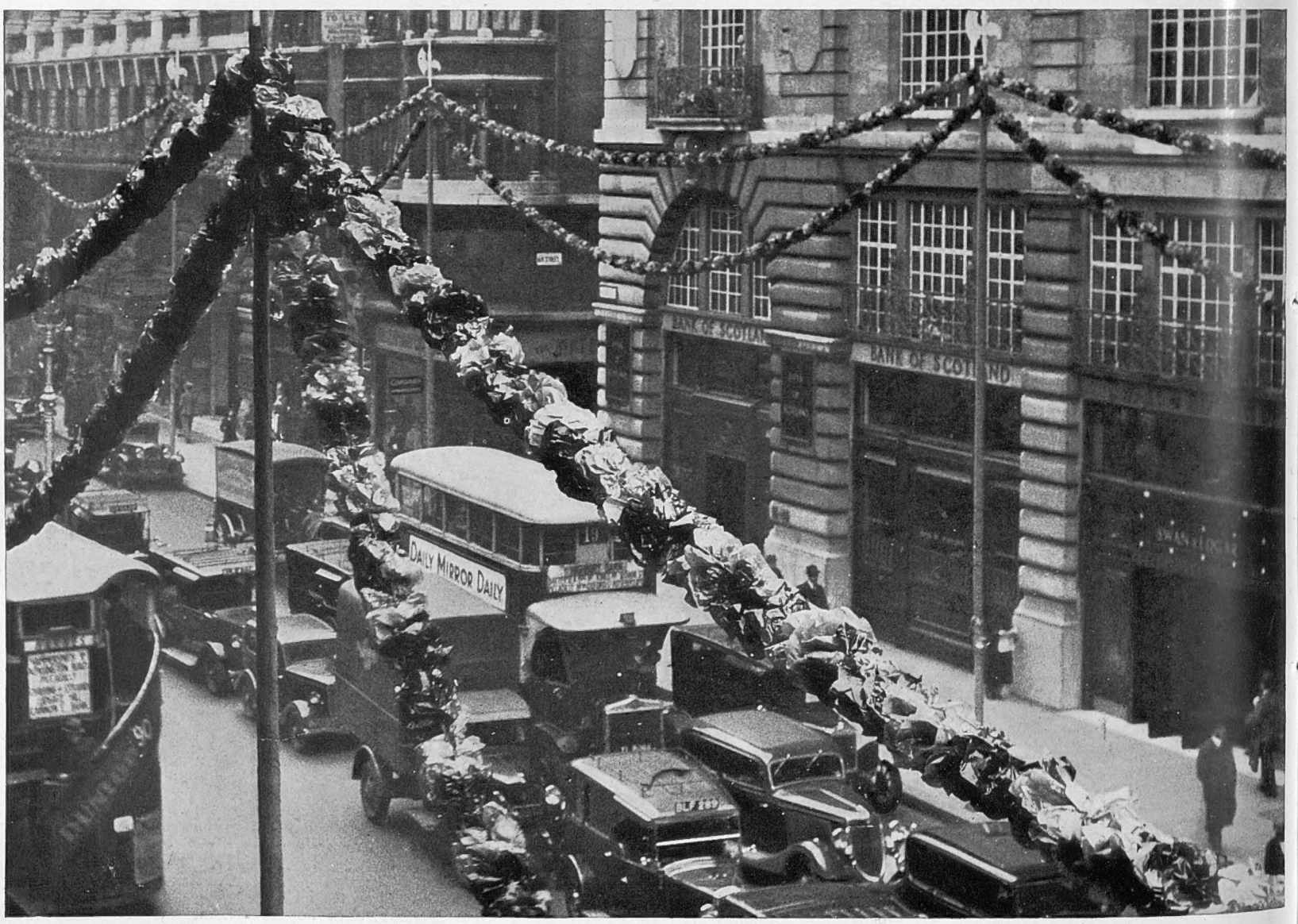
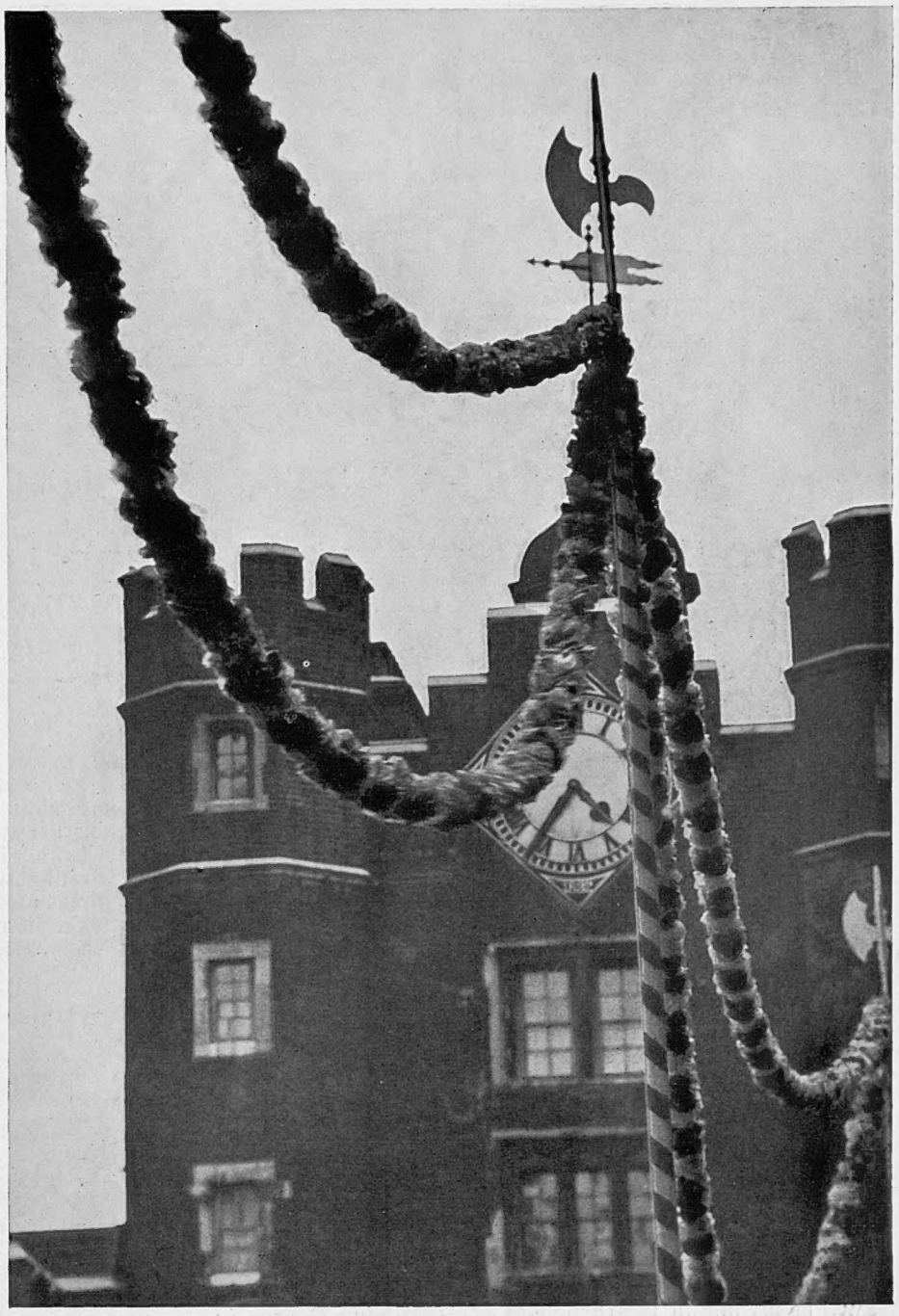
FACING THE MUSIC: The four famous Windsor greys, which will draw the Royal coach from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul's Cathedral on May 6, have been put through a series of tests to prepare them for the noise and excitement of Silver Jubilee Day. They are seen here being driven past the band of the Grenadier Guards when playing during Guard Mounting at Victoria Barracks, Windsor

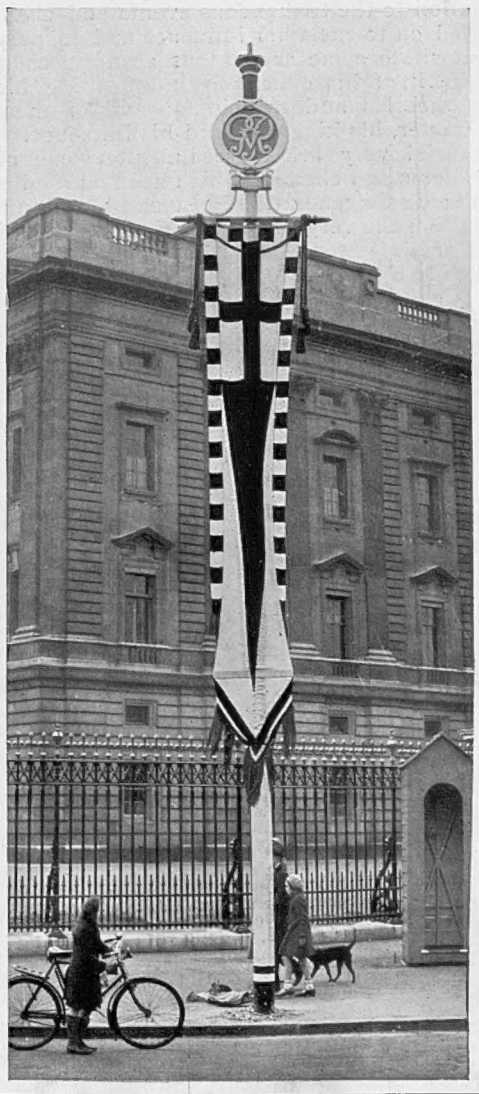


PAGEANTRY IN PICCADILLY: Some of the Silver Jubilee decorations adorning the principal thoroughfare of the West End. While no general scheme has been employed, representatives of the Office of Works, the City Corporation, the Westminster Council, and the Royal Fine Arts Commission have got together and made an effort to obtain as much harmony of design as possible. Art students are also helping, and they have been busy during the past few weeks in preparing decorative panels for the Blackfriars and Ludgate Hill railway bridges



IN THE CITY AND THE WEST END: *Left*—Workmen, perched over 360 ft. above the street, cleaning the giant gilded cross surmounting the dome of St. Paul's of the coating of grime that usually dims its brilliance. *Right*—Decorations suspended from one of the yellow and purple halberds lining the processional route

Above—GIVING THE METROPOLIS A FESTIVE AIR: Some of the countless streamers of coloured, weather-proof paper ready to be strung up between the standards on the processional route



On right—OUTSIDE THE PALACE: The first of the colourful banners to be put in position on Constitution Hill

GEORGE V

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THE LIFE STORY OF OUR SAILOR KING

By John Gore

THE Silver Jubilee, which is the principal celebration of civilization at this moment, reviews twenty-five years in world history which for drama and change, and for the unprecedented scale and speed of its development, social, economical, and political, have no adequate parallel. The nearest approach to a rival has been found by historians in either the third or fifth centuries of the Christian era when convulsions both tremendous and exciting certainly took place.

The British Empire has played a leading and a not inglorious part in the development of this tremendous historical scene. It is not always in the history of nations that the hour of fate or crisis finds the man, and it has been rather loosely decided that the Great War and its terrible aftermath did not, as far as this country is concerned, push up the Man or Superman who might have directed and controlled our Empire through the storm. More sober reflection at a future time may well propound a curious anomaly: that, when at last the long era of autocratic sovereignty was finally extinguished, and such kings as survived, survived as constitutional monarchs and symbols, that man in the case of Britain was found seated on the throne, an isolated, solitary figure.

It will be my aim in this article to consider King George in relation to the tremendous events and changes in which he was called on to exert his influence and to play his part. That will necessitate some account, as accurate as a private citizen can make it, of his education and training, his habits and routine, his theories and principles; and of the development of his character, his kingcraft, and his influence. Before doing so, it is essential very briefly to indicate some of the unprecedented problems and changes which have marked out the past quarter-century as a generation in human life unique and stupendous.

From the very first days of his reign without surcease to the day of his Jubilee celebration, King George has been compelled to wrestle with some or other of these major problems in the ordinary course of his duty.

Politically, then, the period of his reign saw civilization in the melting-pot; altered unrecognizably the map of Europe; revised the whole conception of government in civilization; emptied a dozen thrones and set up various forms of dictatorship more autocratic than the most extreme tyrannies in history; awakened the slumbering political conscience of the East (which implies of half the earth's surface and of two-thirds of her inhabitants); and finally gave birth to a conception (not the first but the first constructive) of final arbitrament in international disputes by other means than recourse to arms.

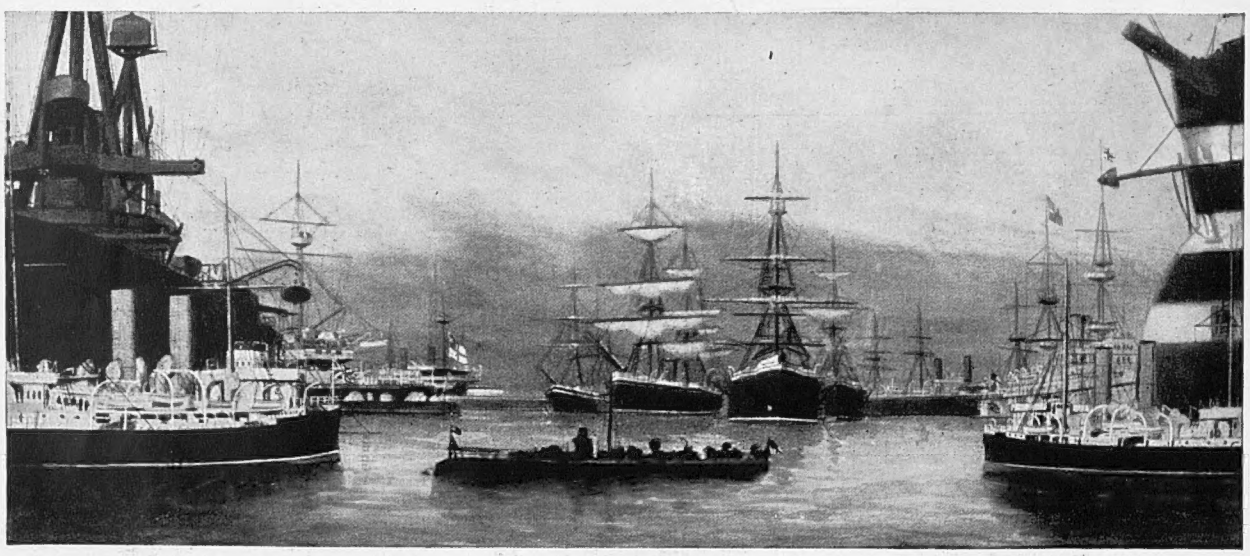
Economically, the period produced a second industrial revolution as important as the first, which gave mankind (in practical form) the motor car, aircraft, wireless, the cinema, the gramophone, artificial silk, multiple looms, low temperature carbonisation (to name just a few).

The economic effect of these inventions has been to establish new vital industries, to shift centres of industrial importance, to throw out of employment innumerable old "craftsmen" and to bring into existence uncountable numbers of skilled workers in trades which are still technically a closed book to the general public.

The period also saw one of the greatest booms and the most prolonged, serious, and widespread slump in history. Political necessity and reactions played havoc with world trade; huge barriers were everywhere raised, and the ideal of free trade disappeared as a possibility of our age. Currency and exchange went to pieces, and the spirit of the new industrial revolution manifested itself in immense workers' movements and revolts.

And, lastly, socially: The effect of the reactions of the World War on the spirit of youth cannot be estimated, or over-estimated, in relation to the social changes of our time. But the stupendous scope and speed of social change could not have been attained by that reaction alone.

The post-war revolt of youth was joined by an ally even more powerful — the effect of scientific perfections and inventions during the past twenty-five years, especially in their revolutionary conquests of time and space. Together these two forces have shattered and rebuilt the life and thought and aims of every



From a drawing by H. E. F. Buch

THE SHIPS OF THE ROYAL NAVY ON WHICH KING GEORGE SERVED DURING HIS CAREER AT SEA: On the extreme right can be seen the towering hulk of the old three-decker, *Britannia*, the scene of His Majesty's first introduction to naval life; while in the foreground on the left is the first-class cruiser, *Crescent*, his last ship. In the centre foreground is the 75-ton torpedo-boat, *No. 79*, which the King commanded in 1889, and which was regarded at the time as the finest craft of its kind afloat. Also in the picture are the *Melampus* (second from right foreground), which he commanded at manœuvres in 1892, while in the centre background are the *Canada* and *Northumberland*. In the first-named he sailed as a senior midshipman on the West Indies Station, and in the second as a lieutenant in the Channel Squadron

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The Life Story of our Sailor King

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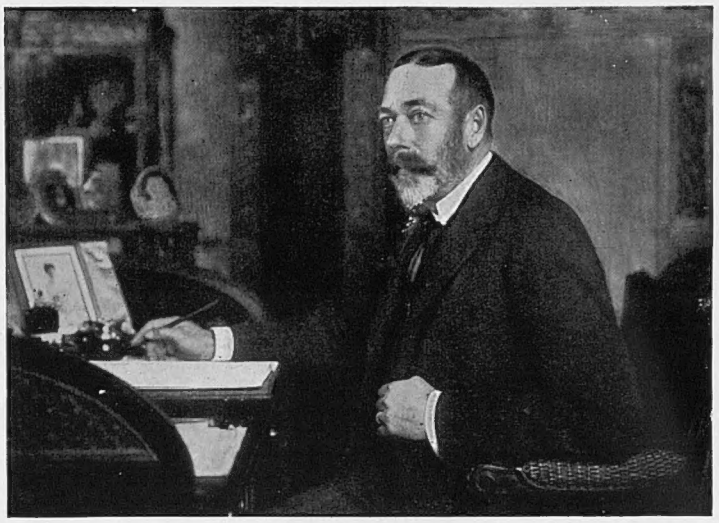
class in the community, and in raising among the lower classes their scales of what are the bare essentials of comfort and amenity in living, have shattered the barriers of class and the whole conception of a privileged society, and produced a new order and a new social fabric which would be incredible to one whose life ended with the Edwardian era.

It was assumed in the 1830's that the Great Reform Bill would produce that new social order. What we have to realize is that, right through the reign of Edward VII, a privileged society continued to think and act, rooted still in the traditions of Reform Bill days, and it was the reign of George V which bore the chief brunt of the stupendous social change.

Small wonder, then, that when King George was called to the Throne, the apprehensions of Edwardian Society that for them the "good times" were over, and that the new Court would prove dull and dutiful, were expressed in privately circulated drawing-room lampoons. The new King had bigger issues to handle and far more important things to think about.



HIS MAJESTY IN 1912: A picture taken at Buckingham Palace in the year following the Coronation

How was King George trained up for the task that awaited him? The education of heirs to the British throne has not always been wisely planned and carried out. In the past it has been a subject of criticism that sovereigns have not been in sufficient sympathy with their heirs (the first Georges were outstanding examples); and that their plans of education, when they had any, erred on the side of too much segregation or too much interference in the liberty of their heirs, or both. A more constant ground for criticism is that heirs to the British throne have been consistently denied experience and practice in the routine and technique of kingship during their predecessors' reigns.

And it must be added that some of these points of criticism were sound, and may still be raised again in the future. King George V was in one sense more lucky than his father in that he was not in the direct succession to the throne until his twenty-seventh year, and that his father had lively and bitter memories of his own mismanaged youth. Because of these things, King George's education was far more simple, unfettered, and specialised than those of his predecessors, and indeed of his heir.

The second son of Edward VII (then Prince of Wales) was born at Marlborough House on June 3, 1865, and spent the first years of infancy there and at Sandringham. At the age of four he and Prince Albert (who was two years older) began their education under the curate at Sandringham, Mr. John Dalton. Eight years later the two princes joined *Britannia* at Spithead as ordinary naval cadets for two years. They then "passed out" and joined H.M.S. *Bacchante*, commanded by Lord Charles Scott, for a short educational cruise to the West Indies, rated as midshipmen.

Almost immediately after their return home in 1880, they rejoined *Bacchante* for an extended tour which carried them over half the world. Of the Dominions, they visited Australia and South Africa; and saw a good deal besides of South America, Japan, Ceylon, the Fiji Islands, Egypt, and Palestine.

They kept an elaborate record of their cruise which formed the basis of a narrative, *Cruise of H.M.S. Bacchante*, published in 1886.

At this point the brothers took different roads. Prince George continued the normal career of a sailor, being promoted sub-lieutenant and posted to H.M.S. *Canada* (Captain Durrant), then on the North American station.

On his return he passed through the R.N.C., Greenwich, completed courses in gunnery and torpedo training, and was promoted lieutenant in 1885 at the age of 20. In '86 he was appointed to H.M.S. *Thunderer* in the Mediterranean and passed on to *Dreadnought* and *Alexandra*. That carried him on until 1889, when he joined the flagship of the Channel Squadron, and was given a command (T.B. *No. 79*) in the naval manœuvres of that year. In 1890 he commanded the gunboat *Thrush* on the North American station, and was promoted commander in 1891. He had just received command of H.M.S. *Melampus* when, in January, 1892, Prince Albert, Duke of Clarence, died.

Up to this point Prince George's naval career had been as thorough as, and very little more favoured than, that of any other naval officer. But now he could specialize no longer. In the same year, 1892, he was created Duke of York, and on July 6, 1893, he married Princess Mary, daughter of Francis, Duke of Teck. They took up their residence at White Lodge in Richmond Park, where their eldest son, the present Prince of Wales, was born on June 23 of the following year.

Their family increased, and the Duke of York undertook no important public duty until 1899, when he and the Duchess paid a State visit to Ireland.

Then came the Boer War and the Queen's death. Immediately following King Edward's accession, the Dominions tour, long planned for the Duke and Duchess, took place.

They sailed away in the white *Ophir*, and opened the first Commonwealth Parliament at Melbourne in the summer of 1901. They went on to New Zealand and came home by South Africa and Canada. They went out as Duke and Duchess of York. It was not until November, 1901, that the Duke was created Prince of Wales. Such is a brief outline of King George's training and experience before he became Prince of Wales. It will be seen that he came to that stage with a wide and practical knowledge of the Dominions and with a thorough grounding in a practical profession. Before he ascended the throne he was to visit India, as he did again for the Coronation Durbar.

It was during the nine years when he was Prince of Wales that he laid the foundations of that kingcraft and statecraft which have helped him to play so important a part in our national life in the past twenty-five years.

Kingcraft is a rare form of genius and, like all forms of it, it is largely built up by hard work.

The Prince and Princess of Wales did not mix very much with the society of the Edwardian Court. They had separate friends, and very different pursuits, and were known to be studious and serious minded.

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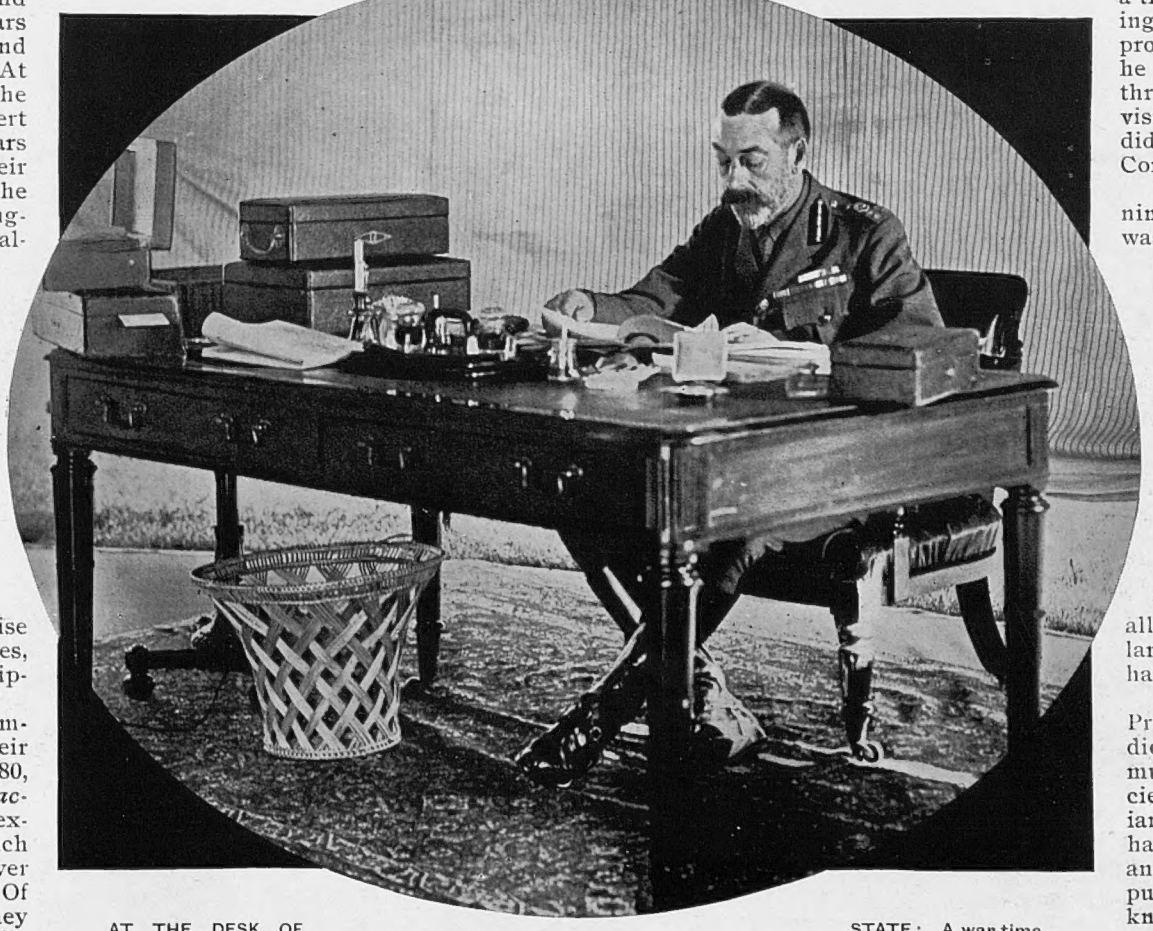

AT THE DESK OF STATE: A war-time study of the King in the tent in which he worked in the grounds of Buckingham Palace

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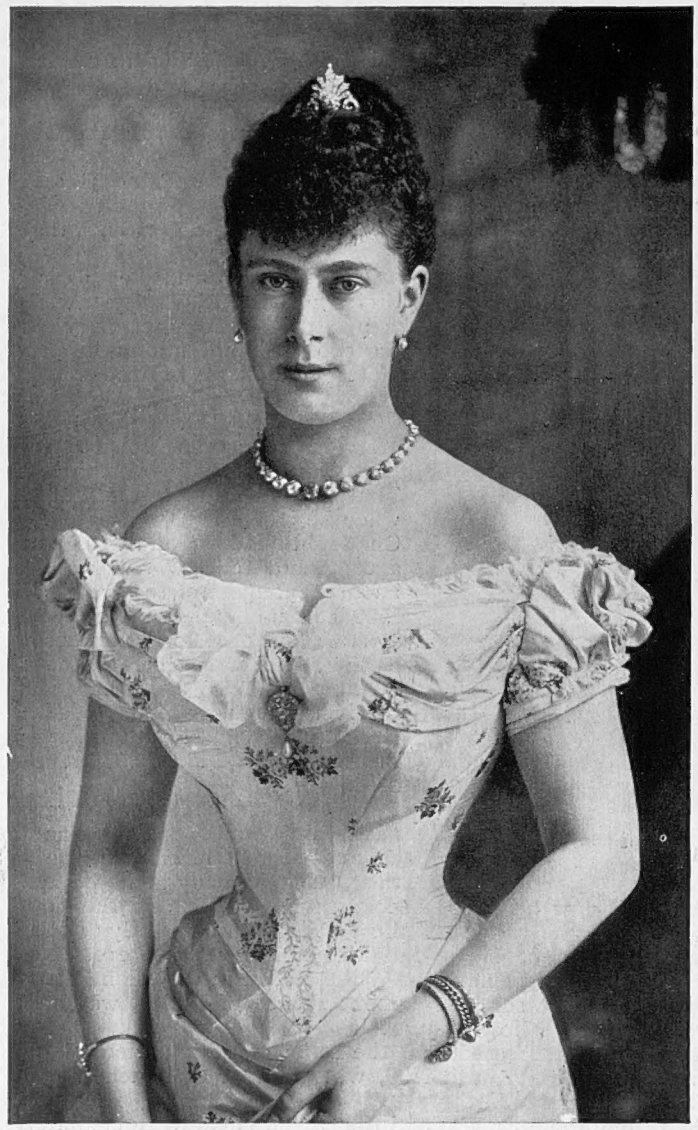
Twelve Camera Studies of Queen Mary Taken at Various Times Since Her Marriage in 1893



ON HER WEDDING DAY: A delightful picture of Queen Mary taken in 1893 when she was nearly twenty-six years of age. She is wearing her hair in the same style as the Princess of Wales and is dressed in the wasp-waisted fashion of the period

1893 AND 1894: *Above*—The future Queen on her honeymoon. *Above on right*—Queen Mary with her first-born, Prince Edward

1919: Queen Mary walking with Queen Alexandra to the dais from which they viewed the great Victory March of the Allied troops through London. At this time the Queen Mother was seventy-five years of age but she looked considerably younger

1924: Smilingly acknowledging the cheers of the crowds during a visit to Liverpool for the consecration of the cathedral

IN THE CAUSE OF CHARITY: Receiving purses on behalf of the Mary Macarthur Hofiday Home for Women—an incident in a great story

1912: Her Majesty on board H.M.S. *Medina*, the vessel in which she journeyed back from India after the Delhi Durbar

Above—1911: Queen Mary in the year of the Coronation. *On left*—in Elizabethan costume, richly embroidered and jewelled, at a Fancy Dress Ball at Devonshire House in 1897

1927: Her Majesty, in a happy, informal mood, beating time during community singing when she visited University College, London, to inaugurate the centenary celebrations. *Left*—A favourite photograph of the Queen, showing her wearing the Garter ribbon

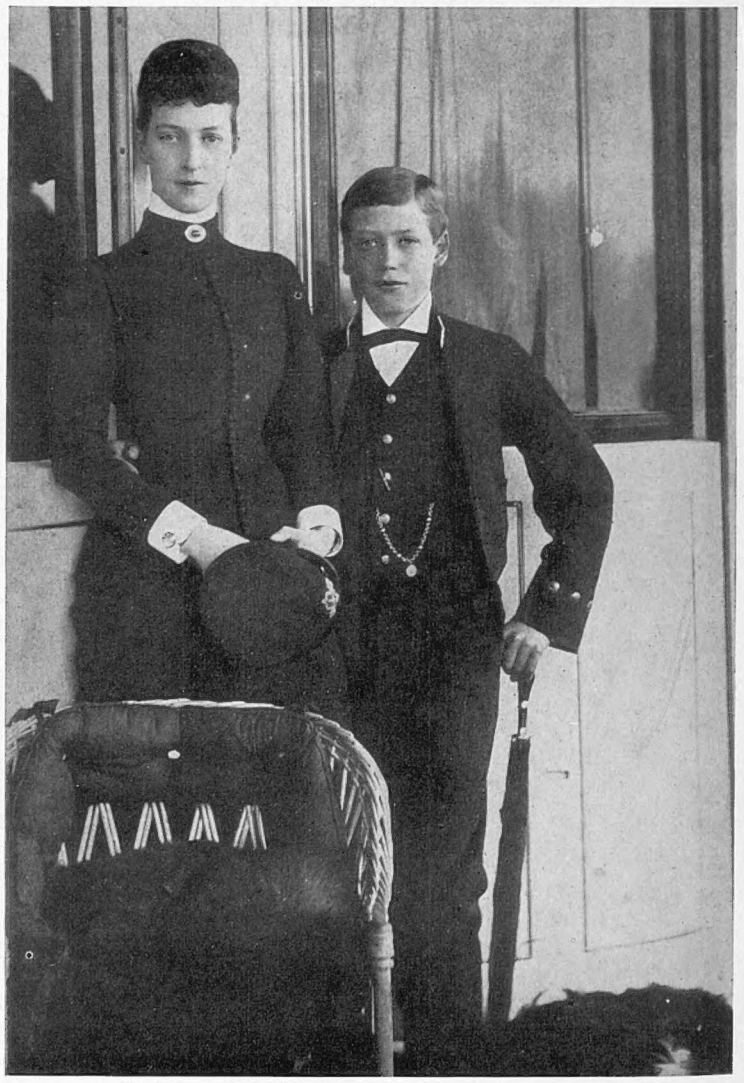
1928: Arriving at the Canning Town Women's Settlement on a surprise visit. This is only one of the countless deserving causes in which Her Majesty has shown her interest

A ROYAL FAMILY GROUP SIXTY-NINE YEARS AGO: This picture, taken in 1866, shows Alexandra Princess of Wales with her eldest son, Prince Albert (*left*), and Prince George, who was then just over a year old. Prince Albert was later made Duke of Clarence but he died with great suddenness in 1892, and his brother became heir-presumptive

CHILDHOOD DAYS

Some Unique Royal Portrait Groups

LITTLE PRINCE GEORGE WITH HIS PARENTS: The Prince of Wales (afterwards Edward VII) with Alexandra Princess of Wales and their two sons, Prince Albert and Prince George (*left*). A picture taken at Buckingham Palace in 1867



MOTHER AND SON: Alexandra Princess of Wales seen with Prince George at Cowes in 1880 just before he started out on a world cruise in H.M.S. *Bacchante* with his brother, Prince Albert

SANDRINGHAM, 1868

The King as a Child

This delightful picture was taken when Prince George, as he was then called, was between three and four years of age, and was about to be placed, with his elder brother, Prince Albert, under the tutorship of Mr. John Neale Dalton—the curate of Sandringham. The two Princes enjoyed an extremely happy and uneventful childhood

THE MARRIAGE OF KING GEORGE AND

A Vivid Impression of the

This picture conjures up in brilliant fashion that memorable day, July 6, 1893, when our present King (then Duke of York) led his beautiful cousin, Princess Mary, daughter of the Duke of Teck, to the Altar in the Chapel Royal, St. James's. Resounding cheers greeted the heir presumptive and the bride-to-be when they passed on their separate ways to the scene of the ceremony, and Victorian England celebrated the wedding of a Royal couple who in every way seemed ideally matched. In the chapel itself a vast assembly of notabilities was gathered, gay uniforms and dresses contributing to the splendour of the setting. In the picture the artist shows the Prince and Princess kneeling before Dr. Benson, Archbishop of Canterbury, and standing beside them is the familiar figure of King Edward (then Prince of Wales). Queen Victoria is seen seated just behind the trainbearers

QUEEN MARY IN ST. JAMES'S CHAPEL

Ceremony by L. Tuxen, of Copenhagen

(Princess Maud of Wales and Princess Victoria of Wales) and behind her is the Duke of Cambridge, grandson of George III and first cousin of the Queen. In the foreground on the right is the Duchess of Teck, mother of the bride, and the three children immediately behind her are the Princess Victoria Eugenie of Battenberg, the Princess Alex of Battenberg, and the Princess Margaret of Connaught. In the centre of the room is Alexandra, Princess of Wales, whose own marriage had, thirty years before, aroused such tremendous public enthusiasm, and between her and King Edward is the King of Denmark. Seated in the left foreground and facing the bridal pair is Princess Louis of Battenberg, and standing on her left is the heir to the Russian throne who, in 1894, became the Tsar Nicholas II. Standing on the left of the doorway is the Marquess of Lorne.

The Life Story of Our Sailor King

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The public saw and knew little of the Prince and Princess of Wales. He was known as a sportsman and as a brilliant game shot; he was known to be an expert stamp collector, a really efficient naval officer, and a patient and confirmed reader and absorber of knowledge. In fact, during these years, King George was working hard to fit himself for the great task which lay before him, and was doing it under one of the most experienced, shrewd, and loyal servants and counsellors who ever gave his life to his sovereign's service.

In 1901 Sir Arthur Bigge became Secretary to the Prince of Wales. As a young soldier, years before, he had recommended himself to Queen Victoria through his association with the tragic death of the Prince Imperial in South Africa, and he remained attached to the Court for the rest of his life. With a brief interval of three years (1910–13) Lord Stamfordham remained with King George as his principal secretary until his death, and it is impossible to overstate the value of his teaching and of his experience in those years of apprenticeship, and during the first troubled years of the reign.

Coronation Year lacked the brilliance and thrill of King Edward's Coronation Year. Political crises crowded in too thick, and the warning smoke of a great upheaval already darkened the sky.

The main celebrations began in May with a visit—the last—of the Kaiser and Kaiserin for the opening of the Victoria Memorial. London filled up rapidly; such crowds constituted a "record" and business was good. The parks were once more transformed into "armed camps" of parade soldiers; the stands and bunting avenued the streets. There was a subtle distinction between the two coronations in living memory.

King Edward's was a European affair—a pageant of foreign kings; King George's was a domestic celebration—a cementing of Empire. The same distinction was to differentiate King George as monarch from his father as monarch.

The Colonial Premiers took pride of place, as to-day they do, and the Coronation was at once a ceremony and a business occasion for an Imperial Conference, and it put an end for ever to the old idea of Empire. The mother henceforth became an elder sister only.

THE ROYAL FAMILY IN 1899: H.M. Queen Victoria, King Edward (then Prince of Wales), King George (then Duke of York), and the young Prince Edward (now Prince of Wales)

But the ceremonies were brilliant and inspiring; the young princes made a vivid and charming impression, and King George—whom political circumstances had recently conspired to treat hardly—won the hearts of his people on that lovely summer day, June 22, 1911, and later on his journey through the length and breadth of India.

At home were crises from the very start. The Irish business forced the King at once upon the dilemma which had faced William IV at his accession during the Reform Bill struggle. And it will be remembered that public opinion, recognizing the gravity of the constitutional decision forced upon an "untried" king, showed the deepest sympathy for him.

His courageous intervention, personal and direct, during the summoning of the Irish Conference in July 1914, was unanimously approved by the public, who recognized that its failure was solely due to the obstinacy of the rival political leaders. The outbreak of war ended a chapter in the history of civilisation. The War itself was the acid test from which not the nation only emerged triumphant; it was the acid test of constitutional monarchy, and from it King George emerged as the father of his people and as one of the few really great kings in history.

It is desirable, therefore, to separate the events of the reign by the barrier of the War.

Very briefly stated, the chief events, before August 1914, which politically and socially helped to alter the face of life were, besides the Parliament Bill, the Agadir business which sounded a loud and timely warning about German policy, the labour troubles surrounding the Insurance Act, the Welsh Disestablishment and Home Rule Bills, the whole business of Women's Suffrage and (tremendous trifle) the Marconi scandal. In the course of these events, Their Majesties went to Berlin for the Brunswick wedding in 1913, and to Paris in the spring of 1914. It was in all conscience a lively enough start. The declaration of war came, and domestic crises faded into points of dim light.

THE GROWING PRINCES: Our present King and his children photographed in 1902. Reading from left to right in the foreground are Prince Albert, Princess Mary, Prince Edward, and Prince Henry. At this time Prince George was not yet born

The King bade a moving and unadvertised farewell to the Expeditionary Force and then threw himself heart and soul into the War. His efforts to avert it, his appeals, simple, earnest, direct, made to his near relations, the contending sovereigns, were deeply appreciated by the public and nowhere misconstrued. They laid the foundations moreover of that reputation, which the King now holds, for a literary and

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A CAVALCADE OF THE REIGN

A Pictorial Record of Royal Events During the Past Twenty-five Years

Think, when we talk of horses, that you see them
Printing their proud hoofs i' the receiving earth;
For 'tis your thoughts that now must deck our kings.
Carry them here and there; jumping o'er times.

JULY, 1910: A drawing by F. Matania illustrating the public proclamation at St. James's Palace of the coming coronation of King George and Queen Mary. The announcement began as follows: "Whereas we have resolved by the favour and blessing of Almighty God, to celebrate the solemnity of Our Royal Coronation, and of the coronation of our dearly beloved Consort, the Queen, upon a day in June next to be hereafter determined, at our palace at Westminster"

Turning the accomplishment of many years
Into an hour-glass: for the which supply,
Admit me Chorus to this history;
Who prologue-like your humble patience pray,
Gently to hear, kindly to judge . .

—*Henry V* (Prologue)

"GOD CROWN YOU WITH A CROWN OF GLORY AND RIGHTEOUSNESS": With these words the Archbishop of Canterbury placed the historic crown of St. Edward on the King's head on that memorable day of the coronation in Westminster Abbey in June, 1911, when, in the presence of a vast assembly of notabilities, the new reign was officially inaugurated

"RECEIVE THE CROWN OF GLORY, HONOUR, AND JOY—AND GOD ENRICH YOUR HEART WITH HIS ABUNDANT GRACE": Her Majesty kneeling before the Primate as he reverently set the State Crown on her head. As he did so, the Koh-i-noor diamond set in its centre flashed and sparkled with a brilliance that attracted the attention of everyone present

THE CORONATION OF KING GEORGE

In this picture Eduardo and Fortunino Matania conjure up the scene in Westminster Abbey on June 22, 1911, as the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Randall Davidson, placed the Crown of St. Edward on the King's head. His Majesty, wearing the Imperial mantle of cloth of gold, is seated on the chair beneath which is the historic stone of Scone brought from Scotland by Edward I

INVESTITURE OF THE PRINCE OF WALES

The King's eldest son, then seventeen years of age, is seen wearing the robes and the circlet of Welsh gold in which on July 13, 1911, he was invested by his father as Prince of Wales. The ceremony took place in historic Carnarvon Castle and the sincere manner in which the youthful Prince delivered his speech and his royal bearing were an earnest of the brilliant part that he was to play in the life of the nation

1911—1912

THE ROYAL VISIT TO INDIA

Their Majesties Proclaimed Emperor and Empress at the Delhi Durbar

HIS MAJESTY REPLYING TO AN ADDRESS OF WELCOME made by the people of Bombay on his first arrival in India for the celebrations which culminated in his coronation as Emperor. In the foreground on the left is Lord Hardinge of Penshurst, who was Viceroy from 1910 to 1916, and standing just to the right of the Queen are the Countess of Shaftesbury and the Duchess of Devonshire

STATE ENTRY: The King Emperor, wearing the uniform of a Field-Marshal, riding into Delhi on December 7, 1911. A drawing made by F. Matania, who acted as "The Sphere's" correspondent in India at the time of the Durbar and contributed many notable drawings to this journal

THE CYNOSURE OF INDIA'S PEOPLE: *Left*—The King and Queen seated beneath the Imperial Shamiana in the Durbar Amphitheatre at Delhi as the native herald, Captain Malik Umar Hayat Khan, a Punjab officer of martial bearing, announced the Coronation in ringing tones. *Right*—Their Majesties on the balcony of the old fort at Delhi, where they appeared before the people after the ceremonies in the amphitheatre

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SOME NOTABLE STATESMEN OF THE KING'S REIGN

From the Painting
by the Late
SIR JAMES GUTHRIE

This example of the art of the late Sir James Guthrie, a former President of the Scottish Academy, now occupies a prominent position in the National Portrait Gallery and is of particular interest at this juncture in that it includes the outstanding personalities who, as members of the Imperial War Cabinet, guided the destinies of the Commonwealth during the most critical years of the present reign. Left to right, standing—The Maharaja of Bikaner; General Louis Botha, South African Premier; The Right Hon. G. N. Barnes, Representative at Versailles; Sir Robert Borden, Canadian Premier; the Earl of Balfour; Sir Eric Geddes; the Right Hon. A. Bonar Law; Lord Morris, Premier of Newfoundland; and Lord Kitchener. Seated—Sir Joseph Cook, Australian Premier, 1913–14; the Right Hon. W. M. Hughes, Australian Premier, 1915–23; the Right Hon. D. Lloyd George; Viscount Milner; the Right Hon. W. F. Massey, Premier of New Zealand; the Right Hon. Winston Churchill; Lord Grey; and the Earl of Oxford

THE KING'S GENERALS

Famous Soldiers of the Great War

By JOHN SARGENT, R.A.

This picture is the companion to that shown above and hangs beside it in the National Portrait Gallery. Artistically it cannot be regarded as one of Sargent's most outstanding works, but historically it is of the greatest importance and will always stand as a memorial to these men who served the British Commonwealth so faithfully in her hour of need, and upheld in the reign of King George V the glorious traditions of the Service. The key to the picture, left to right, is as follows: Sir William Birdwood, Commander of the Army in Gallipoli; the Rt. Hon. J. C. Smuts, Commander in East Africa; the Rt. Hon. Louis Botha, conqueror of German South-west Africa; Lord Byng, who took a leading part in defeating the German offensive in the spring of 1918; Lord Rawlinson, instigator of the main attack on the Somme in 1916; Sir H. T. Lukin; Sir John Monash, Australian Commander of the Fourth Brigade at Gallipoli; Lord Horne, the only artillery officer among the Army commanders in the Great War; Lord Milne, Chief of the Imperial General Staff from 1926 to 1931; Sir Henry Wilson, British Military Representative on the Allies' War Council at Versailles; Sir A. H. Russell, of New Zealand; Lord Plumer, who was responsible for the British attack on Messines—one of the most skilfully managed operations of the Great War; Sir John Steven Cowans, a member of the Army Council from 1914 to 1919; Earl Haig; the Earl of Ypres; Sir William Robertson, the only soldier in the British Army to rise from the lowest to the highest rank; Sir Frederick Stanley Maude, who drove the Turks from Kut; Viscount Allenby, the victor of Megiddo, who broke down the resistance of the Turks in Palestine and Syria; Sir W. R. Marshall; Sir Arthur William Currie, Commander of the Canadians in the first poison-gas attack at Ypres; the Earl of Cavan, Chief of the Imperial General Staff from 1922 to 1926; and Sir Charles Macpherson Dobell, Commander of the Allied troops which reduced the Cameroons in 1914–15.

THE KING'S ADMIRALS

Men who Served with Distinction During the Most Momentous Years of the Reign

By SIR ARTHUR COPE, R.A.

In this painting, which hangs in a place of honour in the National Portrait Gallery, Sir Arthur Cope has not only conveyed to canvas a series of faithful likenesses, but has produced a group that epitomises his artistic ability, and brings together some of the greatest naval personalities of the King's reign. Not a few of those portrayed died in the cause of their country; others survived the struggle of 1914–18, and have lived to render honourable and useful peace-time service. The key to the picture, left to right, is as follows: Sir E. S. Alexander-Sinclair, who served at Jutland; Sir Walter Cowan, Commander-in-Chief of the West Indies Station from 1926 to 1928; Sir Osmond de Beauvoir Brock, Chief of Staff to Admiral Beatty, and Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Station from 1922 to 1925; Sir W. E. Goodenough, who went with the escort accompanying His Majesty to India for the Durbar; Sir Robert Keith Arbuthnot, who went down with his ship during an engagement with German light cruisers in May, 1916; Sir Montague Browning (seated), President of the Allied Naval Armistice Commission, and Commander-in-Chief at Devonport from 1920 to 1923; Sir Christopher Cradock, who lost his life at Coronel; the Hon. Horace Lambert Hood, who commanded the Third Battle Cruiser Squadron at Jutland, and went down with his ship; Sir J. M. de Robeck (seated), Commander of the force sent to assist the landing at Gallipoli; Sir W. C. Pakenham (seated); Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Bt., Commander of the Destroyer Flotillas at the Battle of Heligoland Bight; Sir Roger Keyes, Bt., who planned the raid on Zeebrugge; Sir Cecil Burney (seated), second-in-command of the Grand Fleet in 1914; Earl Beatty; Sir T. D. W. Napier; the Marquess of Milford Haven (seated); Sir H. Evan-Thomas; Sir Arthur Cavenagh Leveson; Sir Doveton Sturdee (seated), victor of the engagement off the Falkland Islands; Sir Charles Madden (seated), Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic and Home Fleets between 1919 and 1922; Earl Jellicoe (seated); and Lord Wester Wemyss

A COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Their Majesties Receive the Debutantes of 1931—A Scene of Dazzling Splendour in the Ball Room

This painting by Sir John Lavery, R.A., illustrates in brilliant fashion the splendours of a State function in Buckingham Palace during the present reign, and is one of the most interesting pictorial records of its kind that has ever been made. The picture was begun in 1931, and all the figures in the foreground are actual likenesses of those who were present at the second Court in that year. (See list of names in right-hand column)

When it was decided that Sir John Lavery should paint this picture, the King requested that the artist should work unsuspected. In order to do this Sir John sat in the gallery with the band, at the end of the room opposite the thrones, and recorded his impressions in oils on a small scale. Later he transferred the work on to a large canvas, and many of those who featured in the picture were asked to attend his studio for sittings. The result is a triumph of technical skill, and it is easy to understand why the task was not completed for over two years. The original is at present on exhibition in Paris

From the Painting by SIR JOHN LAVERY

Enlarged from a Sketch Made in the Musicians' Gallery when the Presentations were in Progress

Sir John Lavery, one of the most outstanding of our contemporary painters, was born in Belfast in 1856, and studied at the Glasgow School of Art and in Paris. His style is said to be reminiscent of Velasquez, but he paints classical subject pictures in a manner all his own. Sir John was elected A.R.A. in 1912, R.A. in 1921, was knighted in 1918, and in 1932 was elected to the Presidency of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters

Among the notabilities in the group in the foreground of the picture are:—Lady Veronica Blackwood, Lady Alice Mahon, Miss Avilda Bridges, Miss Betty Maclaren, Lady Helen Stewart, Lady Katherine Fitzmaurice, Madame Mehta, Miss Diane Chamberlain, Miss Baba Beaton, The Viscountess Wimborne, Mrs. Leo d'Erlanger, Lady Priscilla Annesley, Miss Anabel Mann, Lady Ponsonby, Lady Georgina Curzon, Miss Diana Churchill, and the Hon. Bronwyn Scott-Ellis. Third from the right is the Marchioness of Londonderry. The first three figures seated in the front row on the left represent Miss Margaret Whigham, Lady Patricia Moore, the Lady Mayoress of Belfast. Several of the debutantes mentioned above have been married since 1931, but in the above list their maiden names are given

PAINTED SPECIALLY FOR "THE SPHERE"—THE WHITE DRAWING-ROOM AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE: An interior view of one of the principal State apartments from a picture made by special permission actually in the Palace by H. Davis Richter, R.I., R.O.I.

THE KING'S LONDON HOME

A Short History of Buckingham Palace

Buckingham Palace is the youngest of the Royal palaces, having been acquired as recently as 1761. English monarchs have had varying tastes about their residences, and it has seldom been that two succeeding occupants of the throne delighted in the same palace. Windsor Castle, for instance, the oldest of the palaces and the only one which has always been a Royal residence, has had periods of great neglect, particularly during the reigns of the first two Hanoverian kings, who cordially disliked the most picturesquely placed palace in their new kingdom. Many of the Royal homes have vanished altogether or been put to other uses, and it is curious how often the favourite palaces of our kings have been acquired from private owners who had built them for their own occupation. Whitehall Palace, of which only the banqueting hall remains, was originally the London residence of the Archbishop of York; Hampton Court was built by Cardinal Wolsey; and Kensington Palace belonged to the Earl of Nottingham, till William III bought it in order to enjoy the purer air of Kensington.

Buckingham Palace has a similar origin, though the site upon which the palace stands had a Royal connection. King James I had the worthy conception of cultivating silkworms in England, combining a profitable speculation for himself and the nation. With this idea he planted mulberry trees at the end of the Mall, importing many shiploads of young trees, but his scheme was not a success, and the plantation became a place of amusement for Londoners. The Mulberry Gardens were later on enclosed in the property of Henry Bennet, Lord Arlington, who had acquired the land. In 1698 the Duke of Buckinghamshire bought Arlington House, and five years later pulled down the house and erected the first Buckingham House.

There are many prints of this house still extant, and moreover a very complete description of the building, given by various writers and by the Duke himself, who wrote a copious letter to his friend, the Duke of Shrewsbury, giving full details of the new house which obviously brought him the greatest satisfaction.

PAINTED SPECIALLY FOR "THE SPHERE"—THE THRONE ROOM AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE where the more important Court functions take place. This interior, by H. Davis Richter, gives an excellent idea of the magnificence of the crimson and gold decorative scheme in this apartment and of the elaborately adorned and painted ceiling

It appears to have been a dignified building of red brick with white stone pilasters forming the centre ornament of the main structure, the two wings being connected by open colonnades. The Duke, in his letter, tells of the approach to the house, "through rows of goodly elms on one hand, and gay flourishing limes on the other" leading to the square court adorned with a great basin whose water was supplied by a huge cistern on the top of the flat roof, which was one of the features of the house. Writing about the pleasure of walking in the gardens, the Duke adds that there is also walking "on the top of all the house, which being covered with smooth milled lead and defended by a parapet of ballusters from all apprehension as well as danger, entertains the eye with a far distant prospect of hills and dales, and a near one of parks and gardens." The Duke of Buckinghamshire had married Catharine, the natural daughter of James II, who regarded herself of the blood royal. She was buried in Westminster Abbey, where the wax effigies of herself and her son, carried at the funeral, are still to be seen in the Islip Chapel.

In 1761, a year after George III came to the throne, he bought Buckingham House for £21,000. He wanted a family house in London, as St. James's Palace, though still the official Royal residence, had not been popular since the flight of James II. Having simple tastes King George did not make great additions to the house, and such alterations as were carried out were to strip some of the external ornaments, statues, and gilded lettering from the roof, and the bricking-up of the open colonnades to the wings. The most important addition was the library which was erected to house that famous collection of books which became the nucleus of the library of the British Museum. The King had purchased 63,000 volumes for £130,000, and he continued to spend £2,000 every year on the purchase of books, at the same time showing his consideration for learning by forbidding his librarian to bid against a scholar. It was in the Royal library of Buckingham House that Dr. Johnson had his famous interview with King George, who had given permission for the doctor to study the books there. The King had conversed on various libraries in so interesting a manner that Dr. Johnson afterwards asserted, "they may talk of the King as they will, but he is the finest gentleman I have ever seen."

George IV was one of our great building monarchs; he it was who restored Windsor Castle, employing Sir Jeffry Wyatville, who added the

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HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY, *From the painting by Arthur T. Nowell*

This portrait hangs in a place of honour in the home of the Duke and Duchess of York in Piccadilly. When it was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1933 it attracted general approbation, both by reason of its artistic excellence and its portrayal of queenly dignity

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V, *From the painting by Sir Arthur Cope, R.A.*

This colourful painting is now in the possession of the Royal United Service Institution in Whitehall and, like the picture shown on the left, was exhibited at Burlington House in 1933. The artist has executed several portraits of Royalty, including an outstanding study of King Edward VII

THE CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

The King and Queen at the Banquet Given at the Guildhall on June 29, 1911—the Painting by the Late Solomon J. Solomon, R.A., which Now Hangs in the Guildhall Art Gallery

"I rejoice to hear renewed in this historic hall the assurances of patriotism and devotion which have ever sustained my predecessors, and I beg you to believe my Lord Mayor that I shall strive by every means in my power to preserve the prosperity and pre-eminence of my capital city and to promote the welfare of my Empire." With these words the King concluded his stirring address at the banquet staged at the Guildhall during the Coronation celebrations in 1911 — a function which is vividly brought to life in this very striking canvas. The key to the group at the top table is as follows: Right to left, reading from centre—His Majesty the King, the Crown Princess of Sweden, the Prince of Wales, Princess Louise, the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, Princess Beatrice, Prince Arthur of Connaught, the Duchess of Albany, and Prince Alexander of Battenberg. Left to right, reading from centre — Her Majesty the Queen, the Duke of Connaught, Princess Mary, Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, the Crown Prince of Sweden, Duchess Marie of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein, the Duchess of Connaught, Prince Leopold of Battenberg, Princess Patricia of Connaught, and Prince Alexander George of Teck. The key to the other figures in the picture will be found on a later page

BUCKINGHAM HOUSE which, at the request of George IV, was demolished by John Nash in 1825 and replaced by Buckingham Palace. This picture is reproduced from an original sketch by Pugin and Rowlandson and now hangs in the London Museum

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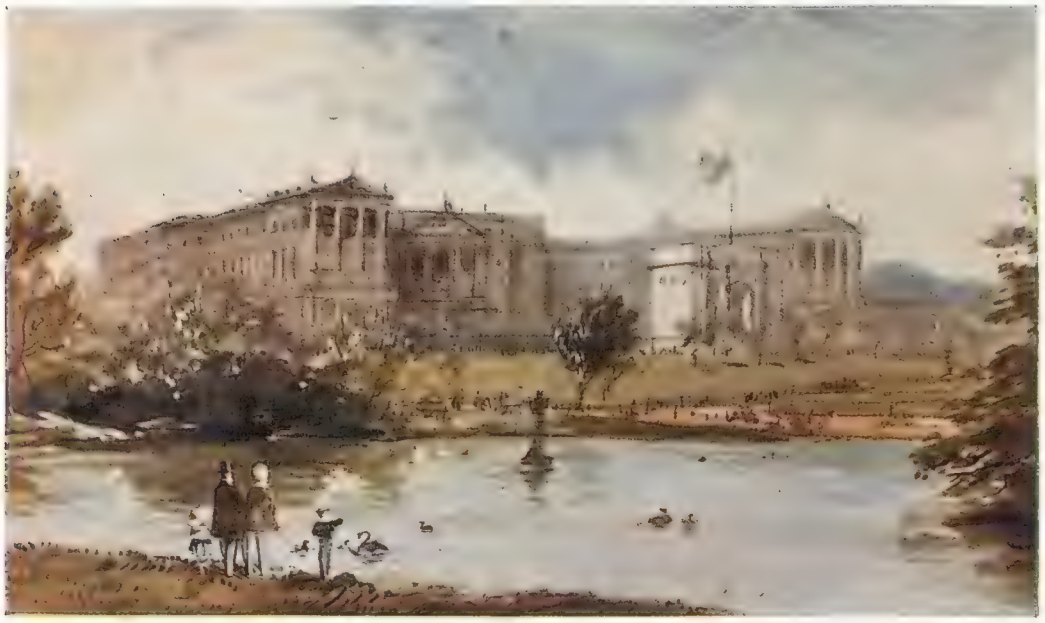
modern State apartments; he also built at great cost the Pavilion at Brighton, which after a century of abuse is now finding some measure of praise from the modern architect, and he was eager to make Buckingham House into a real palace. Under the plea of "repairs and additions" Parliament was persuaded into allotting £250,000 for the work. Nash was appointed as architect by the king, who much admired his work, and in 1825 the operations were begun. Interpreting his instructions in a broad manner Nash proceeded to pull down the old house and to erect a building which was described in his own day as a "medley of the costly and the shabby." From the pictures which exist this criticism seems unjust, as they present a strikingly conceived building. It consisted of three sides of a square, with an open courtyard, the wings ending in the form of classic temples with pillars supporting pediments surmounted by statues. The marble entrance gateway, copied from the arch of Constantine at Rome, stood in front of the courtyard. So great was the general scorn for the new palace as it gradually appeared, and so great the indignation at the vast expense (much more than double the original estimate), that a Select Committee was appointed to inquire into the work. Mr. Nash was led into confessing that he was not aware at first "that the effect of the wings would have been so bad," and that he was disappointed himself in the appearance of them, and also that the dome should have been visible from the park, which had not been intended.

In the end Edward Blore, the famous Derby architect, was appointed "to finish Mr. Nash's extravagant and injudicious designs."

George IV was most indignant at the treatment of his architect—"Mr. Nash has been most infamously used. If those who go through the furnace for me and for my service are not protected, the favour of the Sovereign becomes worse than nugatory." The king never lived in the palace, which was unfinished at his death. William IV continued the work on the much-abused "Pimlico Palace," as it was called, but he also did not inhabit it, and it remained bare and empty till the young Queen Victoria chose it for her home. Some alterations were made at once, the much-criticized dome being removed, but it was not till 1845 that the Queen asked for serious alterations. She pointed out in one of her letters to the Prime Minister the "total want of accommodation for our little family which is fast growing up," stating that if work were begun at once it would only just be ready in time—when the Prince of Wales would be seven and the Princess Royal eight—when they "cannot be kept in the nursery any longer." She declared that "most parts of the palace are in a sad state," and suggested very firmly that while the urgent defects were being remedied it would be well "to make use of the opportunity to render the exterior of the palace such as no longer to be a disgrace to the country." Her request was acceded to, and Mr. Blore built an east wing to the palace, making it a quadrangle, so that Nash's work was shut away from the public. The imposing gateway was removed to Hyde Park, where it now stands as the familiar Marble Arch.

From 1850, throughout the remainder of Queen Victoria's long reign, the Palace remained unchanged. It was not until 1913 that the main façade of the Palace, which had long been thought unsatisfactory, "a reproof to London" was improved by being refronted in Portland stone. The architect, Sir Aston Webb, greatly added to the dignity and repose of the building, by inserting tall pilasters between the windows along the whole front, and by removing the symbolic figures which had stood upon the balustraded roof.



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THE ARCHITECT'S ARTISTIC IMPRESSION: A water-colour by Nash showing what Buckingham Palace looked like in the second quarter of the nineteenth century. The two projecting wings are, of course, no longer in existence, and the Marble Arch was removed in 1851 to its present site near Hyde Park

The interior of Buckingham Palace has not been greatly altered since the early years of Queen Victoria's reign. Soon after her accession some minor alterations were carried out and a private chapel erected on the garden side of the palace in the place of a former conservatory. Some of the pillars from Carlton House, the home of George IV when Prince Regent, were used in the construction of this chapel. When Blore built the east front of the palace, connecting it with the wings of Nash's building, and so forming a quadrangle with an inner courtyard, the Royal residence was greatly enlarged, though the State rooms remained much as they were originally designed. A new ballroom was added in 1856, and since then no considerable change in the interior has taken place.

The palace is never shown to the public, but is used for the great State functions of the "Courts," when the young and lovely débutantes are presented to Their Majesties. Then the magnificent State apartments, enriched with their coloured marble columns, blossom out in all the glory of colour and gilding. Many of the rooms have coved friezes. In the Throne Room, which has a carved ceiling, there is a particularly fine marble frieze picturing the Wars of the Roses, made from the designs of Stothard, the artist, who was then well over seventy years of age. The regal chairs of State stand in a recess at the end of this room. The Music Room, leading off the Picture Gallery,

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Courtesy of the London Museum

SCENE OF MANY CHANGES: This illustration shows the long east wing added to Buckingham Palace by Blore in 1847, thus giving the whole building the form of a large quadrangle. In 1913 the façade was replaced by the present more dignified design of Sir Aston Webb

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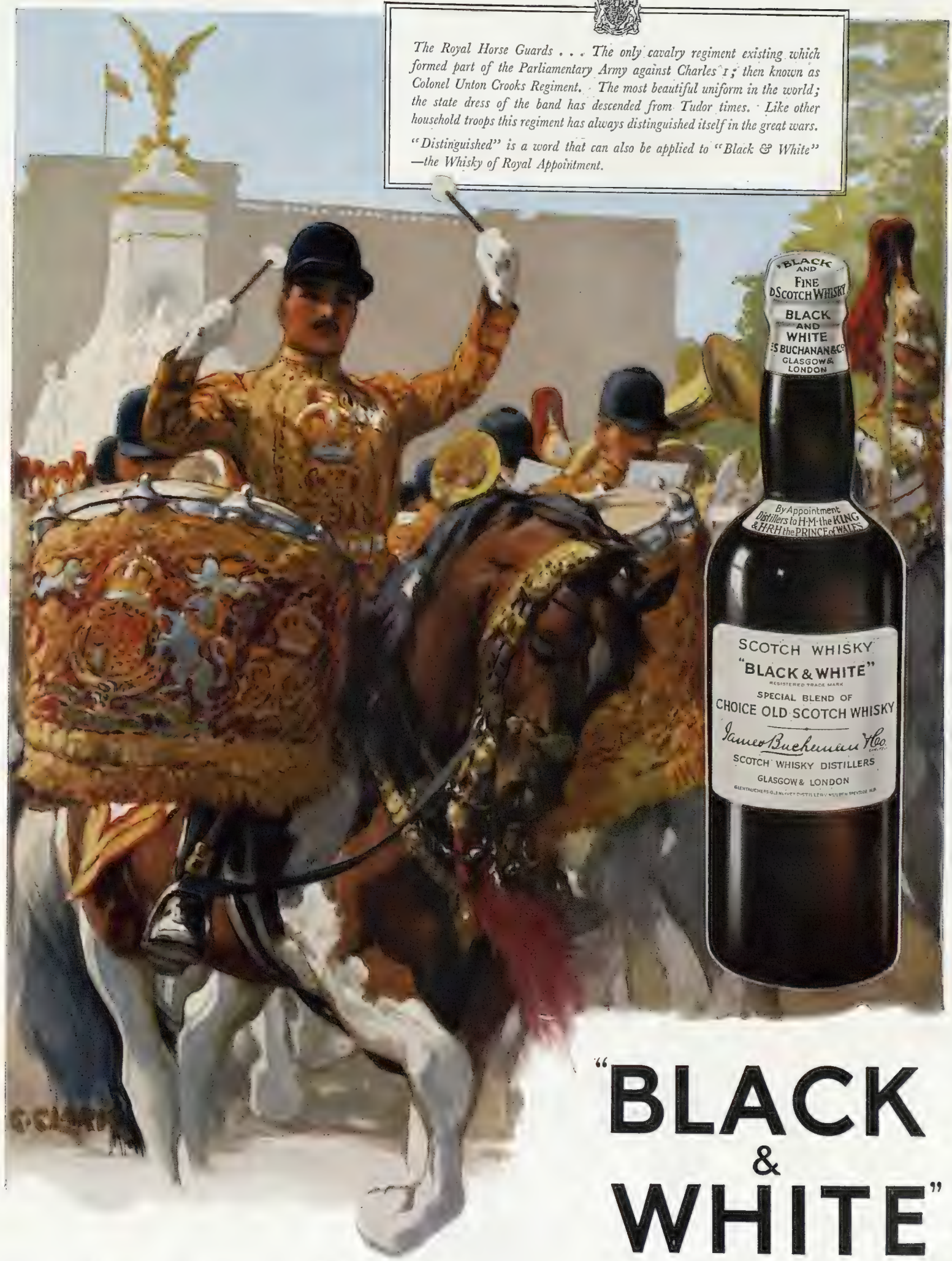

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THEIR MAJESTIES' INTEREST IN ART: The King and Queen attending the opening at the Tate Gallery of the new wing erected by Lord Duveen (then Sir Joseph Duveen) to house the Turner collection. This picture is reproduced from an original painting by Sir John Lavery, R.A., and now hangs in the Tate Gallery

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has lapis lazuli columns with gilded capitals, supporting a rich architrave above which are bas-reliefs of children bearing musical emblems. The ceiling is adorned with roses, shamrocks, and thistles.

Before the death of Prince Albert in 1861, Queen Victoria delighted in keeping a brilliant Court, and nothing was more splendid than the great fancy-dress ball which took place in 1842, when all the distinguished guests appeared in the dress of the period of Edward III. A few years later on another costume ball was given, when the style of George II was chosen.

Since Queen Mary has been in control of Buckingham Palace she has used her excellent taste in re-arranging all the rooms so that now the pictures, furniture, and china are appropriately placed and no longer left to the strange haphazard chance which deposited certain articles in rooms and just left them there. Queen Victoria did not like anything to be moved and so splendid Chinese porcelain was inharmoniously mixed up with Wedgwood, or Jacobean chairs remained uncomfortably in a French period room. King Edward started the alterations and Queen Mary has taken the keenest delight in carrying on the work. We are told that she has a marvellous memory for anything she has seen, and will suddenly discover an odd chair in one palace which makes up the set in another palace, of which one has long been missing.

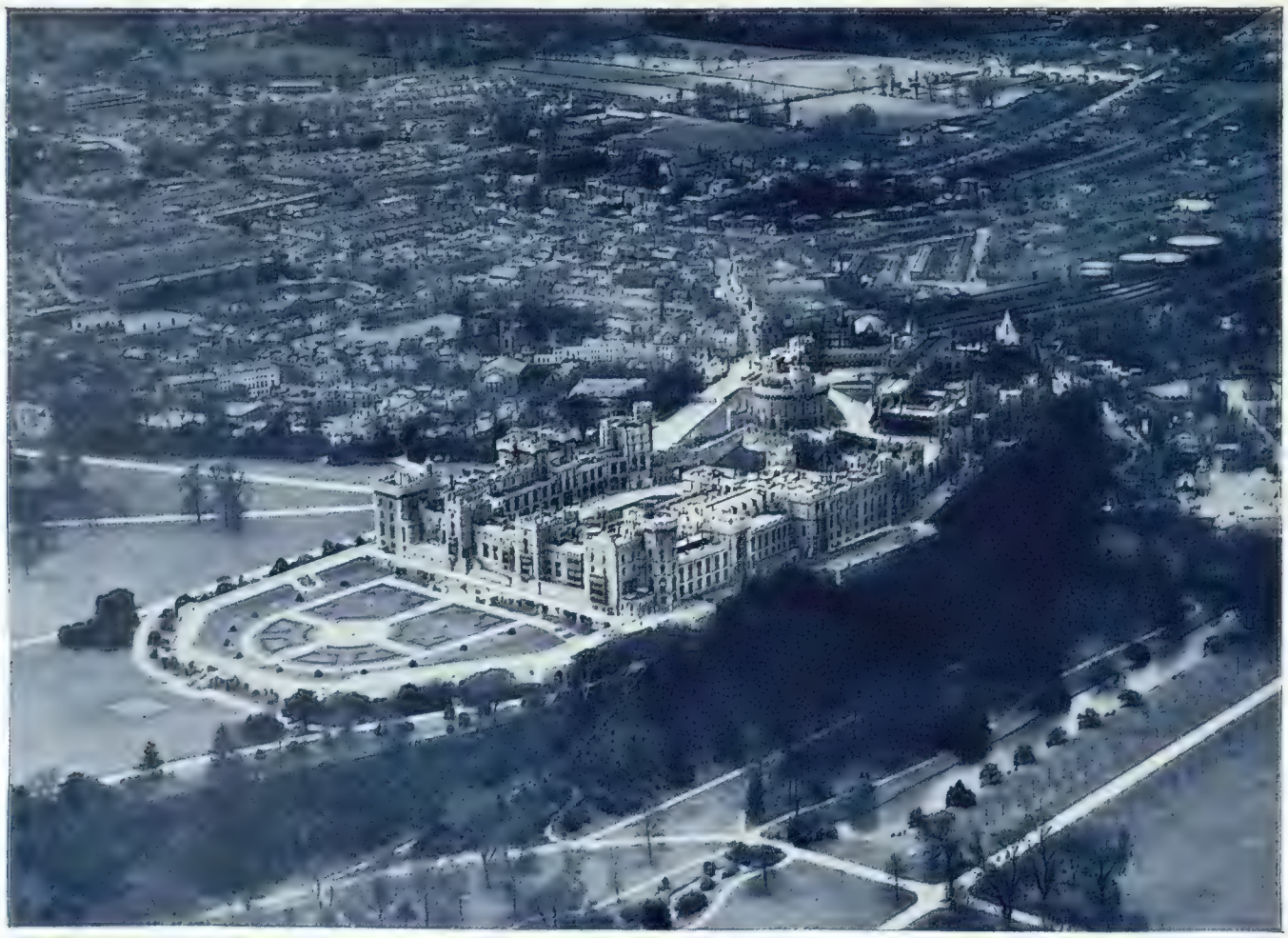
The picture gallery in the Palace contains some very fine Dutch and Flemish pictures. The collection was started by King George IV, who loved the Northern painters to the entire exclusion of the Italian. He purchased many of the pictures from Sir Francis Baring, adding to them from time to time as his father had done with his books. There are some works of English artists—Gainsborough, Lawrence, Wilkie, and Reynolds. The well-known portait of Sir Joshua with his spectacles, painted by himself, is one of the King's treasures.

The grounds of Buckingham Palace are very extensive, consisting of 40 acres—a great attraction to the Royal home in the midst of a crowded city.

REMINDER OF AN HISTORIC CEREMONY: The throne dais in the ballroom at Buckingham Palace where Their Majesties receive débutantes during the season's Courts. Behind the thrones is the elaborate gold-embroidered canopy of crimson velvet formed from the hangings of the Imperial Shamiana beneath which the King-Emperor and Queen Empress took their seats at the Coronation Durbar held at Delhi in 1911

Buckingham Palace holds a particular place in the nation's heart, ever since the girl-queen, Victoria, began her long reign there, driving out from the new palace which she was the first to inhabit, for the coronation service in Westminster Abbey. It was intimately associated with her, especially during her early married life; but perhaps the death of King Edward and the illness of King George drew Londoners more to the palace than at any previous time in its history. No one can easily forget the shock of King Edward's brief illness, the seriousness of which was scarcely realised, before the sorrowing crowds were reading the brief bulletin that "His Majesty breathed his last" within the palace where he had reigned for a brief ten years. But even greater than the sympathy for King Edward was the personal anxiety over King George's illness—the daily gathering of crowds to read the notices, maintained with ever increasing numbers till the King was sufficiently recovered to leave for convalescence. All Europe was amazed at the hold which Britain's King had upon his people, which had also been shown so spontaneously when on the first Armistice Day thousands of his subjects rushed to Buckingham Palace to share their joy with their King.

SANDRINGHAM HALL: A striking view of the King's Norfolk home and its magnificently wooded grounds. The estate, which covers over 6,000 acres, was purchased in 1862 by Edward VII. (then Prince of Wales), and the mansion then existing was replaced by the present building designed by Albert J. Humbert. In the foreground of this picture is the church, where there are many Royal memorials, and behind the house is an elaborately laid-out garden. In the fields beyond His Majesty has recently been experimenting in the growing of flax, and the research work carried out there has proved of enormous benefit to the linen industry of Northern Ireland



ROYAL RESIDENCES

Viewed from the Air

This picture gives an excellent idea of Windsor Castle's commanding position on an eminence at the north-eastern edge of the town and of the well-timbered parkland that gives the place its principal charm. Part of the building dates from the time of Edward III

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THE ROYAL COUSINS: The German Emperor, wearing the uniform of a Field-Marshal of the British army, and King George seen together at the unveiling in the Mall on May 16, 1911, of the memorial to their grandmother, Queen Victoria. Standing at the top of the steps on the left are Queen Mary and the Kaiser's Consort

The Opening Years of the Reign

His Majesty Visits Wales and Ireland

IN NORTH WALES: Miss S. Bulkeley, daughter of Lady Magdalen Bulkeley, being presented to Their Majesties at Bangor in 1911 on the day that the King opened the new University College building. On the right are the Prince of Wales, in naval uniform, and Princess Mary. The latter was then fourteen years of age

THE CORONATION VISIT TO IRELAND: The King and Queen driving down the course after attending Leopardstown races in 1911. Their Majesties landed at Kingstown on July 8 of that year and drove thence into Dublin where they were received by large and enthusiastic crowds lining the processional route. During his stay in the capital the King held his first Irish Levee in the Throne Room of the Castle and invested Lord Kitchener and Lord Shaftesbury as Knights of St. Patrick

THE GUELPH-HOHENZOLLERN WEDDING: The King and the German Emperor driving through the streets of Berlin in May, 1913, when His Majesty attended the marriage of Princess Victoria Louise, the Kaiser's only daughter, and Prince Ernst Augustus, the only surviving son of the Duke of Cumberland

Drawn by F. Matania

Left—TE DEUM AT ST. PAUL'S: Their Majesties at the service in February, 1912, at which they returned thanks for their safe return to the country after the Delhi Durbar. On the Queen's right is the Prince of Wales, and on the King's left are Queen Alexandra, Princess Mary, and Prince George

Right—A REVIVAL OF KNIGHTLY CUSTOM: The King and the Duke of Connaught walking in procession through Westminster Abbey in July, 1913, when His Majesty reinaugurated the ceremony — which had lapsed for a long period—of investing the Knights of the Order of the Bath in the Henry VII Chapel

Drawn by F. Matania

1914 to 1918 — The Great War Period

THE CENTRE OF LOYALTY: When it was made known that Britain was to declare war on Germany, vast crowds gathered outside Buckingham Palace to demonstrate their belief in Britain's cause. As the King and Queen appeared on the balcony the enthusiasm of the people knew no bounds and Their Majesties were greeted with a great burst of cheering that lasted for many minutes

On right—THE KING AT THE FRONT: A drawing by F. Matania that illustrates the part played by His Majesty during the desolate years of 1914–18. A contemporary writer described the incident in the following graphic terms: At the sides of a long, straight road were standing British troops, shoulder to shoulder, company upon company, extending in one long perspective of khaki until the lines merged in the far distance. The long lines stood waiting. Then from the distance came a little group of officers. Distant cheering could be heard, which as the group approached burst into spontaneous shouts of welcome as King George became clearly visible. The cheers were not of the formal parade ground character; they came from men who could not await their strict turn to cheer. The King smiled back his answer to the right and then to the left and passed. . . . In a few moments the scene had vanished; the long lines splashed their way back to work, glad at heart, for the King, the highest in the land, had been among them."

On left—HOMAGE TO THE HEROIC DEAD: During six busy days at the front in December 1914 the King visited almost every part of the British lines, going among the men and chatting with them as a soldier among soldiers. On his tour His Majesty came across many mounds surmounted by rough wooden crosses, and time and time again he stopped to read an inscription and say a silent prayer over the grave of one of his subjects

On right—WATCHING A BOMBARDMENT: The King sweeping the shell-pounded horizon with a powerful telescope during a visit to the Western Front in September 1916. Spread in front of him on a table is a map of the area

THE KING AS A SOLDIER

A striking portrait of His Majesty in the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Horse Guards. On the aiguillettes hanging from the right breast are the letters "V.R." on one and "E.R." on the other—denoting that he was Aide-de-Camp to Queen Victoria and to King Edward. Across his uniform is the Riband, with the Lesser George, of the Order of the Garter, and over his shoulders is the Royal Victorian chain with badge

The Life Story of our Sailor King

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oratorical style which for its beauty, simplicity, and telling effect has few rivals to-day.

Thus, at his first visit to the troops in France, he told them with a poignancy which has lost no whit its power to move:—"I cannot share in your trials, but I can assure you of the proud confidence and gratitude of myself and of your fellow countrymen."

Yet in those trials no man bore a heavier share. The anxiety was his, constantly, in measure as full as that which fell on Premier and Generalissimo. His accident at the front was a contributing cause of his illness, and gave him constant pain.

He led the country in setting the necessary example of economy in living and rationing. He was the first to banish wine from his table. The nation by 1916 was declaring that "*the King is more like the father of a family (which has fallen on evil times) than any Sovereign we have ever known or read of.*"

Small wonder that, when the long agony was over, it was to the King, first of all, that the stricken and the revellers turned, and his armistice ovation was a tribute no man ever better deserved.

1893–1918: A drawing by F. Matania showing the King and Queen at St. Paul's on the occasion of their Silver Wedding when they attended a service of thanksgiving. Walking behind them are the Queen Mother and Princess Victoria

Peace brought him no relief. The eternal ex-service question, the Versailles dog-fight, the Irish Republic, and the Indian reform and Egyptian evolution questions—all these major problems kept the King working, and constantly anxious, from 1919 to 1924.

Once more in this period the King made a courageous, personal intervention. His mediatory efforts in his speech at the opening of the Northern Ireland Parliament at Belfast in 1921 directly assisted in the pacification of Ireland at that date.

During these years and until his illness, the King's routine of work was not surpassed in strenuousness by any of his ministers. His regular routine, when in London, is well worth recording.

He got up each day at 7.20 a.m. Before eight he was at work in his study. After a brief interval for breakfast, he was at work again before ten o'clock. He worked solidly till luncheon, with a break of forty minutes, during which he would walk briskly in the garden of the Palace with the Equerry on duty. This was the only opportunity for air and exercise which he took all day. He was at work again from 2.30 to 5 p.m. Almost invariably he dined tête-à-tête with the Queen, and the evening passed in reading current literature or perhaps pursuing his hobby of philately. At 10.40, regular as clockwork, he went up to bed, and officials on duty in the Palace would declare that the sound of his footsteps was a time signal not less certain than Big Ben. Sir Walter Scott, after his financial crash, did not attain to this standard of regularity and ceaseless labour.

It may be asked what State business called for such tremendous application. The answer is found partly in the list of major political events which fell during this period, and partly in the King's interpretation of his duties and responsibilities.

He felt that on every State question he must form his own unfettered judgment. To that end, he forbade the marking of State documents by ministers and officials, and he refused to read précis. He felt that he alone could be the judge of what was relevant to his own decisions. It was his habit also to read his daily paper almost from cover to cover.

With the first Labour Cabinet the King's relations were instantly harmonious. The friendly simplicity of his manners, his tact, encouragement, and advice on procedure, drawn from his great store of knowledge, charmed every Minister. Mr. Thomas found that opportunities for his lighter mood were not entirely ruled out in the Royal presence, and did not hesitate to tell the Party how friendly and how understanding was the King's attitude. Mr. Baldwin followed Mr. MacDonald, and during his term came the General Strike, handled with such strength and tact.

It was in this Administration that, despite the strike, the first mi-carême in the long Lent of crisis came. In the dark months of December, 1928, the public knew beyond question what the King's life meant to the Empire. The national anxiety brought people together as at the death of Queen Victoria and at the beginning and end of the war. If he had died then the history of Britain might have been very different. He recovered and resumed his work. The eternal unemployment question, the financial crisis which led to the formation of the National Government. Here again the King made a direct and personal intervention. It was he who persuaded Mr. MacDonald of the necessity and the duty of leading the National Government.

The Budget which followed called for equality of sacrifice, and once more the King gave a lead. The royal expenditure was retrenched, the King made a heavy contribution to the national response.

The rest is too fresh in memory to set down. In a quarter of a century crisis has succeeded crisis, problem given place to problem; the face of civilization, the face of Europe, have changed, and changed also the whole manner of life and thought of civilized peoples; the theory of Government, the relations between nations, political and economic. One thing seems to have stood, unchallenged, unshaken, unafraid—yes, and unsuspect, the throne of Britain; thanks almost entirely to the man who occupied it in faith, patriotism, unselfishness, courage, dignity, and simplicity.

One word more. The Edwardians, as I said, deplored with the death of King Edward the end of the great days of Society. They were right. King George has not closely influenced nor kept together a select society round the throne, as his father did. There are several reasons for this. The Edwardian "great days" were an anachronism. The roots of that social heyday were deep in the Reform Bill era. Even then, as the century dawned, the candles were guttering. The great war puffed them out. It was the end of "privilege" and it will not return.

As for King George, if he had not long since realized the truth, he had had no time for that once important aspect of a king's duties. He is the first democratic sovereign in England, and the ideal of service to the State as a whole which he and the Queen have constantly maintained, has proved of incalculable value in the nation's life and thought, to its trade, and its general well-being, both spiritual and material. Yet he was raised in the Victorian tradition, and it still guides his policy in family life. He is a strict disciplinarian, and believes it a father's duty to advise, direct, and check his sons. He is fond of society and of good talk, and is himself vigorous, frank, and even downright in conversation. He is a perfect host, and has that entirely unstudied gift of putting at their ease at once his visitors and those whom he visits, from whatever walk of life they come.

Nowhere is country-house life more simple and friendly than at Sandringham, where, I think, the King is happiest. And no better picture of that life is to be seen than in Sydney Lord Knutsford's *In Black and White*. Sydney Holland records with telling effect how he watched the old head keeper at Sandringham (who had helped to make King George one of the best game-shots in England and was proud of his prowess) taking his arm (he was Duke of York then) to emphasize some detail of the day's sport. And every guest who stays at Sandringham is instantly made welcome and happy and "at-home."

His public utterances have come to be regarded as a mirror of the man he is.

A master of simple, direct, and infinitely moving phrases, he is himself a simple, natural, friendly, downright man, a country gentleman, a man of business, widely travelled, well-read, constantly interested in what is new and what is old.

Such is the man who, at an unparalleled juncture in our history, wore the crown, and bore its heavy responsibility. Such is the man who, by virtue of his crown, is a symbol which unites diverse races and creeds on the world's face in the most practical and ideal League of Nations which at present exists; and, by virtue of his character, has made that symbol a living thing, a friendly presence, an inspiration, and an example.

A biographical sketch of King George, however short, would be wholly inadequate without a reference to the Queen.

They have now been married forty-two years, and it has been a partnership in duty and service never relaxed.

Daughter of the Duke of Teck, Princess Victoria Mary was born at Kensington Palace, and passed much of her childhood at White Lodge. Destiny marked her out to be Consort to the Heir to the Throne of Britain. From the time of the *Ophir* tour, she has accompanied the King on all his overseas journeys.

It may be said of Queen Mary that she "created" the part of consort to a democratic sovereign. No queen in our history ever worked so hard for, or contributed so much to, the social and industrial welfare of the nation as a whole, irrespective of class or

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FOUR GENERATIONS

An Historic Royal Group

A picture taken in 1923 showing Queen Alexandra, the King, the Princess Royal, and His Majesty's first grandchild, Viscount Lascelles. The Queen-Mother was then seventy-eight, and she did not live to see either Princess Elizabeth or Princess Margaret Rose

On left—
TIGER-SHOOTING IN NEPAL, where he was the guest of the Prime Minister, Chandra Shamsher Jung. A picture taken in 1912 during His Majesty's visit to India for his coronation as Emperor at Delhi

His Majesty as a Marksman

For Many Years One of the Finest Shots in the Country

ALFRESCO: The King and his friends taking luncheon in the open air during a tiger shoot in India in 1912—a group including Sir Derek Keppel, Captain Godfrey Faussett, Captain Bell Kingsley, Lord Annaly, Lord Charles Fitzmaurice, Lord Durham, Sir Richard Havelock Charles, and Mr. G. P. Jacomb-Hood. His Majesty has many diverse interests such as yachting, horse-racing, and stamp collecting, but shooting has always been his favourite pastime, and, in his younger days, he was regarded as one of the finest marksmen in the country. His versatility as a shot is extraordinary, and he is equally expert in dealing with high pheasants, driven grouse, wild fowl, or big game

On left—IN THE BUTTS: Shooting grouse on the moors near Balmoral. His Majesty also shoots on his estates at Windsor and at Sandringham, the latter a district noted for its abundance of wild fowl

THE NINETEEN-TWENTIES

ROYAL TOUR: Queen Mary and Queen Marie of Rumania (a first cousin of King George) visiting the Indian Pavilion at the great Wembley Exhibition of 1924. Just behind Her Majesty is King Ferdinand of Rumania, who died in 1927, and was succeeded by his grandson, Michael

THE KING IN FRANCE: In May, 1925, His Majesty paid a visit to Paris, and is seen here inspecting a guard of honour before laying a wreath on the grave of the Unknown Warrior

CRISIS: Police forcing back the crowd that gathered outside Victoria Station when the Prince of Wales arrived in London in December, 1928, after his dramatic 6,000-miles dash from East Africa to the bedside of the King who was gravely ill with an attack of pleurisy

RETURN TO HEALTH: *Left*—The King greeted by a vast crowd on the sea-front at Bognor on the Easter Bank Holiday in 1929 when he made one of his first appearances in public following his illness and, needless to say, received a tremendous ovation. *Right*—The scene at Hyde Park Corner when His Majesty returned to Buckingham Palace at the end of his long period of convalescence at Craigweil House, Bognor, and at Windsor

THE ROYAL FAMILY IN SCOTLAND

THE KING AT FOUR YEARS OLD: Posing for a photograph in Highland costume; a snapshot taken during one of Prince George's visits to Balmoral where he frequently stayed with his grandmother, Queen Victoria. At this time there seemed little likelihood of his coming to the throne

ON THE EVE OF THE WAR: The Queen with the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, and the Princess Royal at Balmoral in 1914

SCOTTISH WAR HEROES: The King chatting with blind ex-service men at Edinburgh

THE MAIN ENTRANCE HALL AT BALMORAL, the King's Highland residence where he invariably spends a long holiday in the autumn. Prince Albert purchased the estate in 1852, and the old castle, not being sufficiently commodious for the Royal Family, was replaced by a new and larger building at a cost of £100,000

THE QUEEN AND THREE OF HER CHILDREN: Her Majesty with Prince Henry *(left)*, Prince Albert, and Prince George *(right)*, seen during one of their annual visits to Scotland. In their youth the Princes delighted in the unusual freedom they were able to enjoy at Balmoral

IN MEMORY OF THE PEACEMAKER: The King inspecting a guard of honour of the 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers during a visit to Edinburgh to inaugurate the memorial gateway to his father, King Edward

THE ROYAL VISIT TO EDINBURGH IN 1927: The King inspecting a guard of honour in Crown Court before attending the opening by the Prince of Wales of the Scottish War Memorial, an architectural masterpiece in the baronial style designed by Sir Robert Lorimer

IN HIGHLAND UNIFORM: The King as Colonel-in-Chief of the Black Watch—one of the four Scottish regiments to which he belongs

THE KING'S BODYGUARD IN SCOTLAND: His Majesty inspecting the Royal Company of Archers in the grounds of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, in 1927. The survival of such medieval weapons as bows renders this company unique among military forces. On the left of the picture is Brigadier-General Sir Robert Gordon Gilmour

THE FIFTH AND SIXTH LADIES OF THE LAND: Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose watching the Christmas Circus at Olympia with their parents. Princess Elizabeth, who is now nine years old, stands next in succession to the throne after her uncle, the Prince of Wales, and her father

THE RISING GENERATION

The Daughters of the Duke and Duchess of York

On right—A VISIT TO THE PANTOMIME: Another delightful study of the little Princesses and their parents taken at a performance of *Dick Whittington* at the Lyceum in February of this year. Princess Margaret Rose will be five next August

COWES, AUGUST 1934

The Queen and Her Sailor Son

This picture of the Duke of Kent and his mother was taken at Cowes shortly before His Royal Highness left England to spend a holiday with Prince and Princess Paul of Yugoslavia in the Slovenian Alps. As all the world knows, it was there that he again met Princess Marina of Greece whom in a few months' time he was to lead from the altar at Westminster Abbey as his bride. Prince George was born at York Cottage, Sandringham, in 1902, and entered the Royal Naval College, Osborne, in 1916. He spent nine years at sea and, since his retirement from the service, has shared with his elder brothers the many and various public duties that fall to the lot of the King's sons

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PRINCE AND PUBLIC SERVANT: A reproduction from a painting by Sir John Lavery, R.A., of the scene at the Mansion House on November 2, 1932, when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales received from the Lord Mayor of London the grant of Livery to the Honourable Company of Master Mariners. This picture illustrates only one of the many and various activities of the heir to the throne who, in a long career of public service, has used his great position to the fullest possible advantage, particularly in cementing the bonds of Empire and in striving to mitigate the hardships of the unemployed

THE HEIR and his BROTHERS

The succession to the throne of England goes strictly in order of primogeniture—the sons of the reigning King and their descendants before any daughter. At the present time the Prince of Wales is the direct heir to the throne, and his children in the event of his marriage would succeed to the exclusion of all his brothers. Should he have no offspring the succession falls to the Duke of York and his children. If a son is born to the Duke of York then he would become heir before his two elder sisters, but as the case stands now, Princess Elizabeth of York is third in succession to the throne with her little sister, Princess Margaret Rose, as the fourth

ALBERT, DUKE OF YORK: The King's second son, who has become immensely popular through the quietly effective manner in which he has carried out his numerous public duties

GEORGE, DUKE OF KENT: The youngest of the four royal brothers, whose marriage to Princess Marina in November of last year aroused world-wide interest. He will be thirty-three in December

HENRY, DUKE OF GLOUCESTER who, after the Prince of Wales, is the most widely travelled of the King's sons. He has visited Japan and Ethiopia, and recently returned from a world tour

THE KING, GOD BLESS HIM!

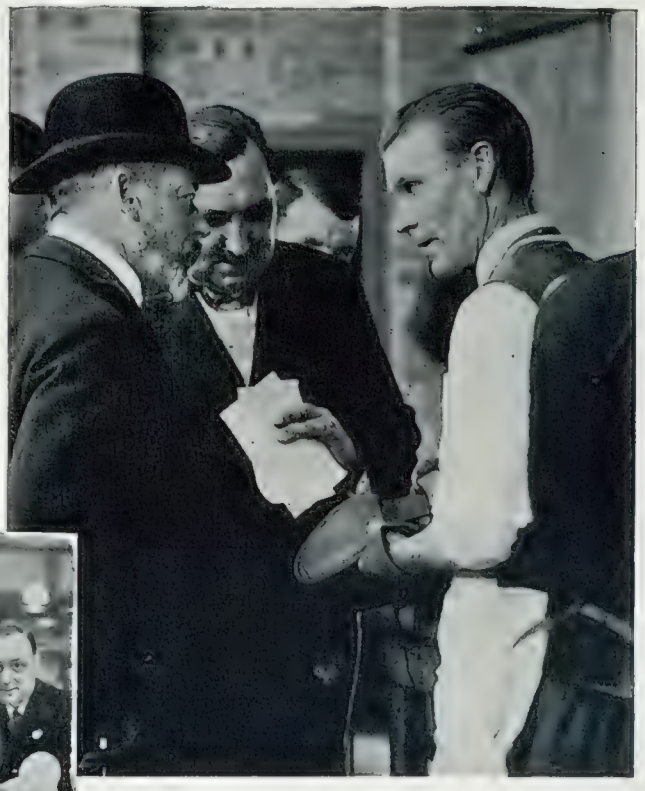
A recent portrait of His Majesty whose twenty-five years of rulership have given the throne a deeper significance in the eyes of the people than it ever has had before in the history of England

THE NINETEEN-THIRTIES

The Life Story of our Sailor King to the Present Day

On left — IN THE COTTON CITY: The King and Queen arriving at Manchester Station in July of last year when they laid the foundation stone of the City Hall extension and opened the new £450,000 Central Library. Their Majesties afterwards went on to Liverpool to inaugurate the great tunnel beneath the Mersey, carrying out an arduous programme in unusually hot weather

On right—The King chatting with a workman in the shoemaker's shop at the Cambridgeshire Tuberculosis Colony at Papworth Everard



INDUSTRY'S ROYAL SPONSOR: Her Majesty making a tour of the stands at the London section of the British Industries Fair which she visits several times every year

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creed. She herself selected and concentrated on the duties which she considered should fall to her lot in the great partnership of service. It was Housing which she first took under her protection. At the beginning of the war she started the Relief Fund to meet the anticipated destitution, and its success was immediate and startling, though its objects were less quickly apparent. The care of disabled soldiers was her next great interest, and the gift to her of the Star and Garter Home revealed the public's appreciation of her sympathy and practical energy.

The British Industries Fair owes to her perhaps more than to any other individual. How many miles she has tramped, how many hours spent gladly and with constant interest, among the shop-stalls of Empire, who shall assess? Art and antiquities she took under her special protection, and has herself acquired a remarkable flair as a connoisseur—to the enormous benefit, incidentally, of the art treasures housed at Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace.

The Queen's worth and efficiency were perhaps never more revealed than during the crisis of the King's illness, when in the discharge of public and State functions, and in carrying on her normal duties as wife, mother and Queen, she rose to great heights of courage, determination, and kindliness, and proved an inspiration alike to the Court, the Ministry, and the public.

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OBJECT OF TRIAL.—The object of the trial, as declared by the entrants, was to demonstrate the performance of the oil in the engine of a car, running over a distance of 10,000 miles, without stopping the engine.

DESCRIPTION OF TRIAL.—The car used for the trial was supplied by the entrants and was a 1935 18 h.p. Austin car, fitted with saloon body.

The trial was run in three eight-hour shifts per 24 hours, intentional stops, with the engine running, being made for traffic, refreshments, and changing crew. The total distance covered was 10,017¾ miles, at an average speed (settled by the entrants) of 32·2 miles per hour, excluding all stops.

RECORD OF TRIAL.—The engine ran continuously throughout the trial for a total time of 341 hours 52 mins. The car was stationary, with the engine running, for a total time of 40 hours 12 mins., the longest stops being of 44 mins., 43 mins., and 43 mins. duration respectively.

The engine sump was drained and refilled before the start of the trial, but not again during the trial. The total amount of oil used was 1·64 gallons, equivalent to a consumption of 6,118 miles per gallon. Throughout the trial the oil level in the crankcase was maintained between the "maximum" oil level, as shown on the dipstick, and two-thirds full.

At the end of the trial the engine was completely dismantled. All working parts were found to be covered with a film of oil and were in good condition. The carbon deposit on the piston heads and cylinder heads was thin. There was little carbon deposit on the metal parts of the sparking plugs and the insulators were clean. The piston rings were free in their grooves.

The appearance of the parts was very consistent throughout. The wearing parts, being in uniformly good condition, were not photographed.

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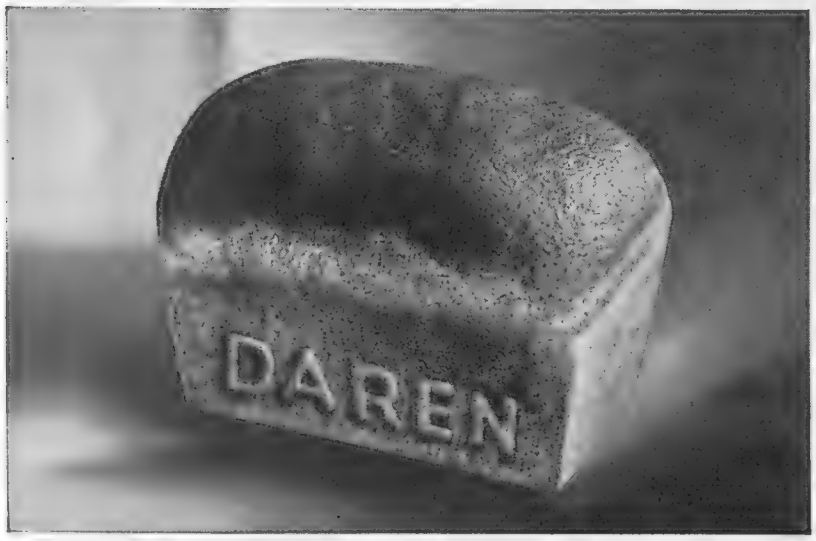
The Mall, Past and Present

POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE: A hitherto unpublished photograph showing the coronation procession passing the thronged balconies of Carlton House Terrace on June 22, 1911. *Below*—The Mall decorated for the State drive to St. Paul's

Below—NASH'S MASTERPIECE: Carlton House Terrace resplendent in a new coat of white paint that emphasises its elegance and enhances the appearance of this section of the Mall. On the left of the view can be seen some of the stands erected in readiness for the Silver Jubilee procession next Monday



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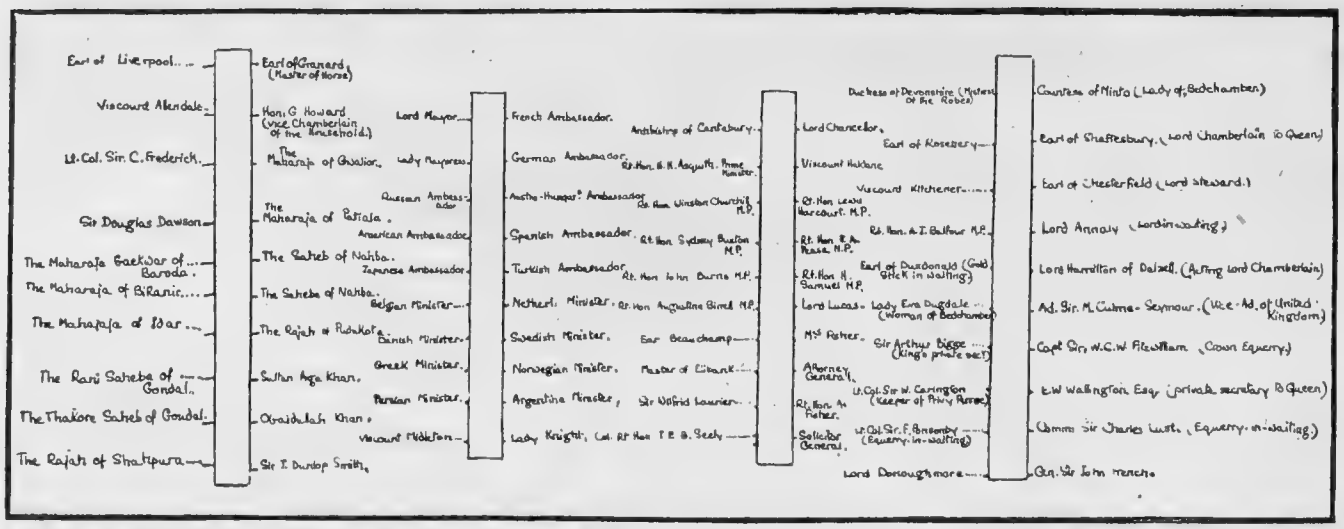

The Jubilee Dance of 1887

And Other Topical Items of Interest

On left—A COMPLETE KEY to those standing in the foreground of the picture of the Guildhall Coronation Banquet, which is reproduced on pp. 192 and 193 of this issue

On left—FIT FOR A KING: This beautiful set of silver plate was presented to His Majesty in 1930 by the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths for use in the Viceroy's residence at New Delhi. The plate, which represents the work of some of the finest contemporary craftsmen, was exhibited at the Royal Academy before being sent out to India

On right—REMINDER OF A NIGHT OF REJOICING: A reproduction of the front and back covers of one of the dance programmes issued to the guests at the Guildhall on June 28, 1887, when a great reception and ball was held in celebration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. There were twenty dances on the programme, ten of which were waltzes and four were polkas

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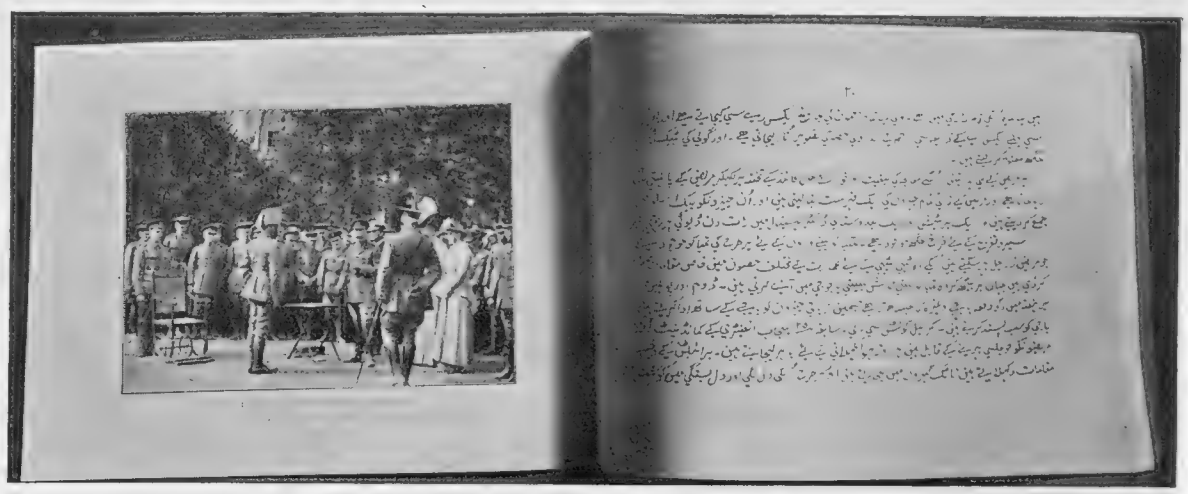
Wales Welcomes Her Prince at Caernarvon

When Brighton Pavilion was a Hospital

Below—REWARD OF GALLANTRY: A reproduction from two pages of the booklet produced by the Corporation of Brighton as a souvenir for the wounded Indian soldiers who were patients at the Royal Pavilion during the great war. On the left the King is seen addressing Jemadar Mir Dast, one of the first Indians to win the Victoria Cross, and on the right is an Urdu translation of an article describing the history of the Pavilion. Dast won this distinction for his actions at Ypres on April 26, 1915, when he led his platoon with conspicuous bravery during an attack and afterwards, when no British officers were left, held the regiment together until the retirement was ordered. Later in the day he helped to bring several men to safety while under heavy fire



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Lady Houston and Her Work as a "Benefactress of Empire"

By CHARLES GRAVES

FORTUNATELY for the public it has had many benefactors in Great Britain. Some of them, it is true, have been rather hide-bound. Others have been more individual in their distribution of charity, though perhaps this is not exactly the word. Lady Houston once gave a cheque for £1,500,000 to the nation as an "act of grace" after the death of her husband who was domiciled in Jersey, and whose estate was therefore exempt from death duties. Charity is evidently an inept description for such an act of generosity.

Like other intelligent philanthropists, Lady Houston disregards begging letters. If you trouble to analyse her donations you will see that her practice is to read the newspapers, and when she finds that someone or something is so badly in need of help as to find his, her, or its way into print as a news story, she sends assistance. In this way it frequently happens that her benefactions have been directed to objects chosen by other philanthropists such as the Miners' Distress Fund or St. Thomas's Hospital. In the former instance she gave £30,000, and followed it up with an appeal that the miners should vote for Tariff Reform. In the latter instance she gave £100,000.

Lady Houston claims to be naïve, but heaven help the person or persons who attempt to take advantage of her simplicity. The motto which she adopted not so long ago was the Latin one of *Nemo me impune lacessit*. Her naïveté seemed rather emphasized when in narrating the story of how she handed over £1,500,000 to Mr. Winston Churchill she said that Mr. Churchill had "helped her with the noughts." On the other hand, when she felt compelled to sue a newspaper for its remarks about her gift of £11,000 to the funds of the Christian Protest against the Russian Religious Persecution, and won her case, she made the defendants pay the agreed damages to the very charity involved.

You will find through her countless acts of generosity that Mr. Winston Churchill was exactly right when he attributed them to "A public-spirited desire to help the country." She gave, for example, £10,000 to the fund for the erection of Liverpool Cathedral. She gave £3,000 to save the Royal Botanical Gardens in Regent's Park. She sent £100 to the widow of Captain Hinchliffe who was drowned in an effort to fly the Atlantic.

LADY HOUSTON, D.B.E.

She also gave £10,000 to the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare. Another instance of her generosity was the £1,000 she gave to further the cause of the dismissed tramway-men of Hull.

To point to broader examples of her generosity, we come to the year 1931. It looked as though Great Britain would not enter the Schneider Trophy race. Lady Houston sent a telegram in which she said that "to prevent the Socialist Government being spoil-sports she would be responsible for all extra expenses necessary beyond what Sir Philip Sassoon said could be found, so that Great Britain could take part in the race for the Schneider Trophy." She followed this up with the princely offer of £100,000. Whereupon the Government changed its mind and decided to hold the race.

There is no question about it, Lady Houston has a perfervid affection for Great Britain and the Empire. She is determined that as far as she is concerned it shall never be belittled. She has shown in many different ways that she is an Imperialist of Imperialists. Only three years ago she offered to contribute £200,000 towards the cost of national defence. This was declined, but the people who declined it must have felt their ears tingle, or rather their eyes go pink, when they read her superb comment, "You have treated my patriotic gesture with a contempt of which no other Government could have or would have been guilty."

It may be pointed out that Lady Houston's benefactions started many years ago. During the war she raised large sums of money for tobacco and cigarettes for the troops. Men who served in the trenches will remember with gratitude this effort of hers in particular. Later on she became one of the first five women who were made Dames of the British Empire.

Lady Houston is particularly sensitive about anything which in her opinion imperils either the working classes or the prestige of Great Britain. The sort of thing which infuriates her is to read that a man can buy a foreign suit for half-a-crown and pawn it for eight shillings. Whenever, indeed, she feels that things are not going too well for some particular industry she is anxious to help. Three years ago, discovering that the sales of bloodstock were on the decline, she

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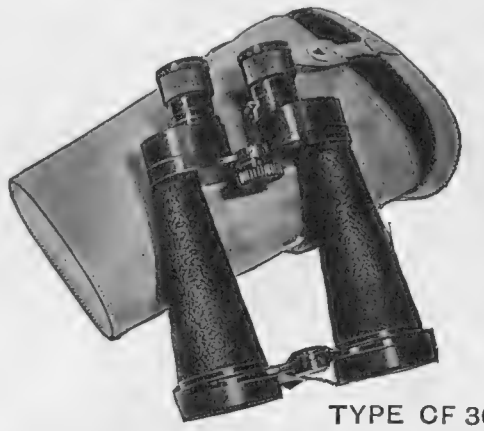

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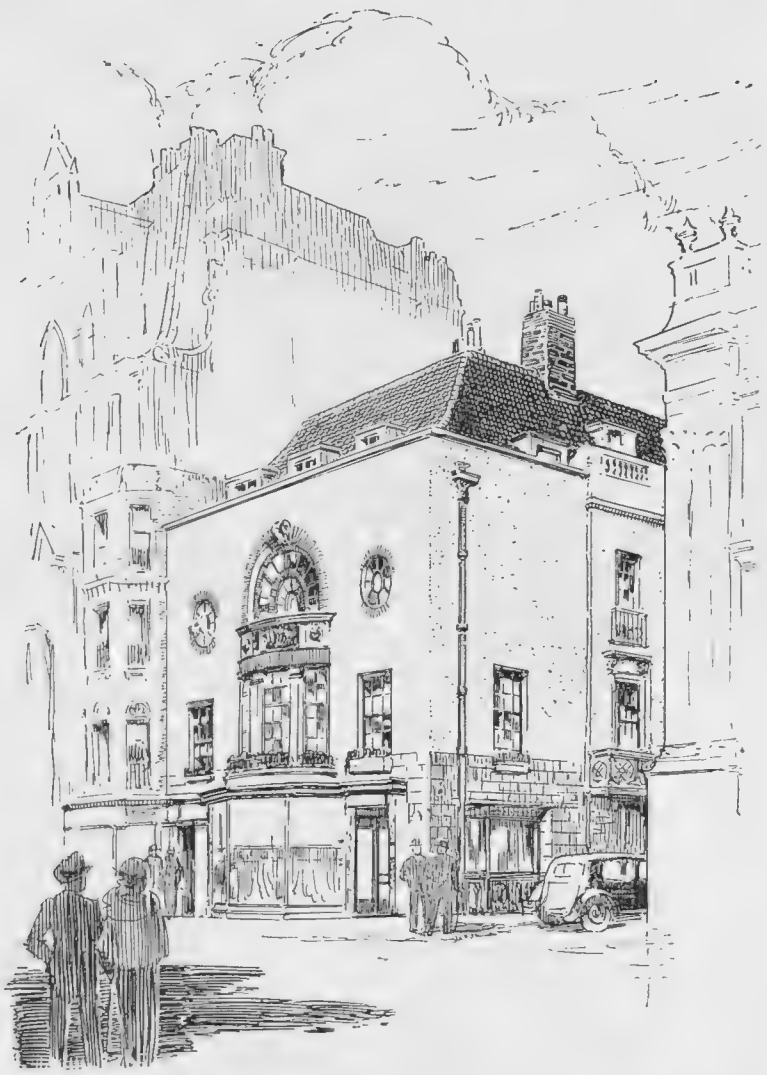

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The Benefactions of Lady Houston

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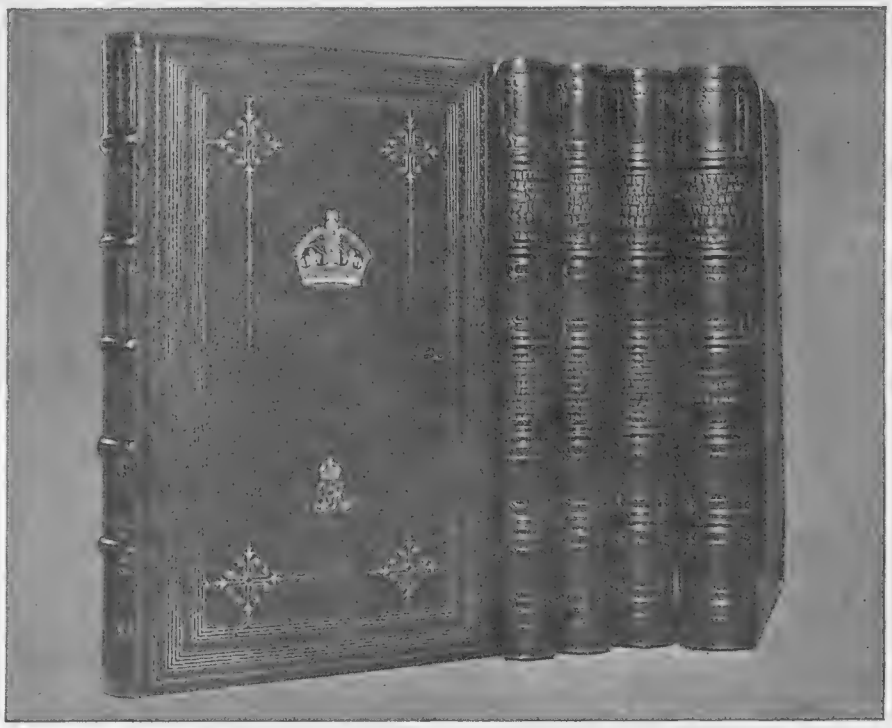
bought a number of high-priced animals in order to maintain the standard. She said at the time that she would have liked to have a Union Jack as her racing colours.

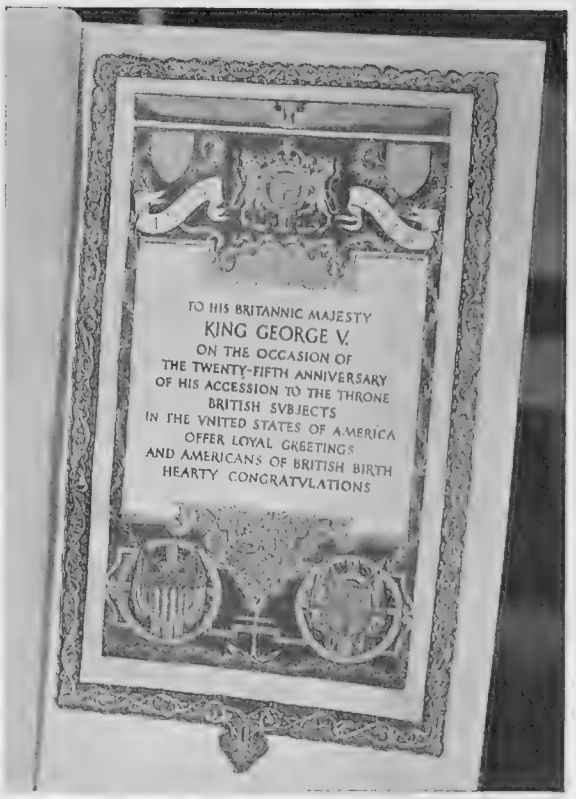
Lady Houston is a fearless woman. She will attack the Central Office (even though she is a Tory of Tories) if she feels that its activities are not being directed to the common good of the country. In consecutive years she instructed her solicitor to pay the Government in one case £40,000, and in the other case £46,000, the sum of money which she was informed would have been the amount due for income-tax and super-tax if she had been domiciled in Great Britain. Gifts of £50,000 to each of five impoverished and distant relatives of her husband, the late Sir Robert Houston, are personal matters. On the other hand, her gift of £5,000 to the Navy League was an affair of national interest.



When Lord Clydesdale went to her two or three years ago and told her that the object of his intended flight over Mount Everest was to prove that the British were not the degenerate race they were supposed to be, she promptly financed the expedition. Commenting publicly on it she herself admitted that it was "like a fairy story from *The Arabian Nights*." She went on to say that "All Indians love brave deeds and must rejoice in acts of heroism." It was for this reason that she financed this marvellous expedition which raised British prestige all over the world. One can trace a similar train of thought in her gifts to the India Defence League. The £1,000 that she presented to the men employed in the herring fishery was another example of her kindly attention to His Majesty's subjects who through no fault of their own were passing through troublous times.

If you ever asked anybody what he would do with his money if he became a millionaire overnight you could be sure that he would say that he intended to have a good time with it. It is fortunate for the community that Lady Houston, the richest widow in Great Britain, and indeed in the Empire, is so remarkable for her philanthropy. In most instances, it is true, millionaires spend vast sums of money in perpetuating the memory of some member of their family. In the case of Lady Houston, whose nearest relatives are comparatively distant, she has chosen to make Great Britain as a whole, and loyal subjects of His Majesty who are having a particularly bad time, her individual objects of benefaction.

When the late Sir Robert Houston died it was found that in his will he referred to "my beloved wife whose self-sacrifice, care, and devotion and intuition saved my life on two occasions when the doctors despaired of it." Since the death of her husband Lady Houston has chosen to select with the greatest intelligence and discrimination different persons and ideals for her generosity. She has no fear of unpopularity any more than she has any anxiety about the consequences of her benefactions or the public statements issued therewith.



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WHEN I finished Herr Emil Ludwig's **HINDENBURG** (Heinemann. 12s. 6d.) I could not help reflecting how different a biography the author might have written had the aged President died a few years before he did. It is true that Herr Ludwig stigmatises Hindenburg's treatment of Brüning as a piece of treachery, and one of the most discreditable episodes of his career, but it must be remembered that Republican Germany looked upon the Old Man as their staunchest bulwark against the rise of Nazidom, as their activities in the Presidential contest with Hitler prove.

Herr Ludwig, living in Locarno, writes this lively and embittered biography and "Saga of the German Revolution" with all his journalistic faculties concentrated upon the man who eventually capitulated to the Bavarian corporal he affected to despise. The Spirit of Germany (about which there is a good deal in this book); the victor of Tannenberg; the National Idol; all are subverted to an acid study of the feet of clay.

The Junkers (and Herr Ludwig has it that Hindenburg was a typical, stolid, ruthless, and immobile specimen) sought to collar the Nazi movement, and use it to regain the power they lost at the setting up of the Republic. With the Schleicher and Von Papen Governments they went a long way; tactically they were doomed to failure. The measure of their failure was the President's last public act, in which his enfeebled signature was placed on a document expressing his "heartfelt thanks" to Hitler for murdering his nearest friends.

This is a political document, and its plain bias makes it none the less valuable in a study of Germany's activities as a world power to-day. Hindenburg (it seems to have been his rôle in life) was a figurehead; a Teutonic necessity in any circumstances. That he was both stupid and crafty, slow-thinking but shrewd, capable of base treachery while pleading for "chivalry" in political life, a bad soldier yet the victor of Tannenberg (which glory the author says he filched from Ludendorf), is Herr Ludwig's presentation.

The art of popular biography is Ludwig's strong suit. In this book he strengthens it with the passion of his attacks. It is a document which everyone likely to be affected by German history in the making should read.

I have never known much—and I hope I shall find a reader to support me in this—about the life of midgets. I have never known why they are born so small, or if it is possible for them to have normally proportioned children, or what kinds of trials and tribulations their lives in an outsize world hold for them.

THE WORLD OF MIDGETS (Jarrolds. 18s.), besides being an interesting book, is immensely informative, and explains, in a sympathetic way which charmed me, some of the appalling problems which these little beings have to face.

Standing on the bottom drawer of a dressing-table to see in the glass, crouching in a wash-basin to shave, and reaching up over one's head to take a saucepan off a hot stove, these are only some of the hazards of being less than 3 ft. tall. There are advantages of course, and riding twenty-one instead of seven in a touring car may be one of them, but on the whole it seems a tragedy of a life.

Mr. Walter Bodin and Mr. Burnet Hershey have one or two surprising statements to make about their midget studies, and they have drawn one or two conclusions which are not unreasonably discreet. The result is very entertaining and occasionally astonishing.

Now for a really delightful book, which will go into my smallest and most cherished row of books: **PERFUME FROM PROVENCE** (Blackwood. 8s. 6d.), the story of home-building in the South of France, that actually lives up to its title.

It is a quiet story, but as far from dull as the humour and gentle understanding of its author, Lady Fortescue, can make it. To me it was absorbing, and if a book's value were to be judged by the number of thrills it contains (which Heaven forbid!) then there is excitement enough even for that.

Nothing, for instance, could be more adventurous than the exploits of the "monstre de transport" which crashed into stone walls, blocked up doorways, and got held up by trees. And nothing more touching than the episode of the giant carpenter who, when he was given a tip at the end of the building operations, "bent his beautiful head, and very reverently kissed me on both cheeks, murmuring his thanks as though he were singing under water."

Then there was Mme Hippolyte and the matter of her daughter's marriage, and what *Grandpère* said when the subject of large families was broached; the resources and devotion of Hilaire; marketing with Emilia; the matter of the two cypresses, one for *La Paix* and one for *La Prospérité*; the *Precepteur*, the *Receveur*, *M. le Maire* himself, all voluble, mostly friendly.

I could quote from this book unceasingly; it has a charm and fragrance (but at the same time sprinkled with shrewd wit and observation) which has not been equalled since the famous and best-selling "German Garden" of Elizabeth.

There is something unpleasantly reminiscent of a tract about Mr. B. Traven's latest book, **THE CARRETA** (Chatto and Windus. 7s. 6d.). It is a story, rather optimistically described by the publishers as a love story, of Mexico, and it is unceasingly concerned with the injustices of Mexican peons, and more specifically of peons who drive ox-carts.

If it were not for the author's passionate sincerity, this would merely be another book of poorly contrived propaganda. As it is, there is always the interest of Mr. Traven's excellent simple prose, and the rare and pictorial vividness of his descriptions. But it is disappointing after *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*.

In **VICTORIA GLENCAIRN** (Heinemann. 7s. 6d.) Miss Glenda Spooner states the problem of a generation "wedged between a worn-out hypocrisy on the one hand and a new candour on the other." Sir James and Lady Glencairn of Camleith Castle could view with no dispassion their only daughter's escapades, while her post-war candour and frankness could make no concessions to their strict and formal ideas.

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BETWEEN THE OXUS AND THE INDUS (Hopkinson. 15s.) is a travel book by an expert. But Colonel R. C. F. Schomberg has not written it altogether for experts, as I can testify. It is a book for anyone who has the smallest grain of wanderlust in his composition.

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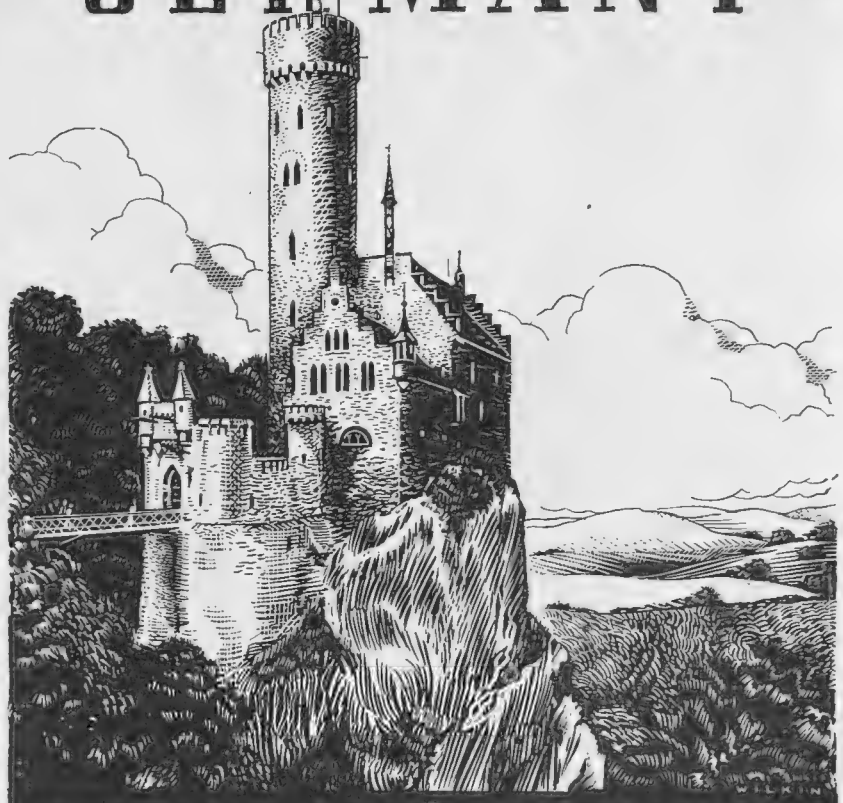

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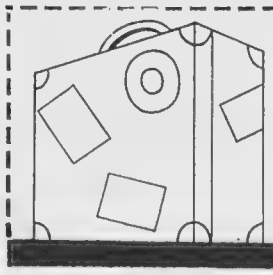

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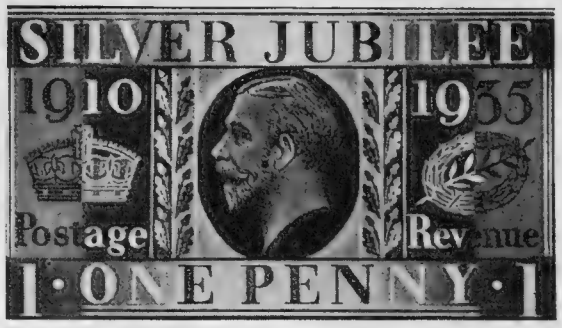

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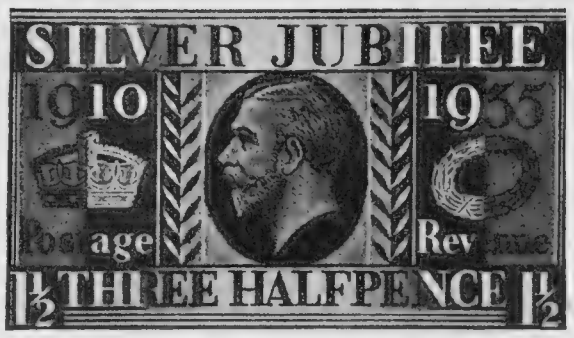

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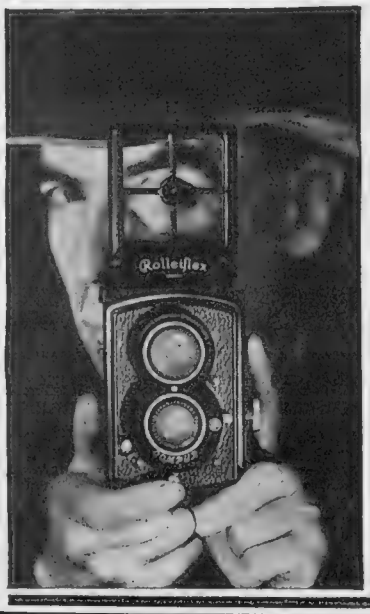

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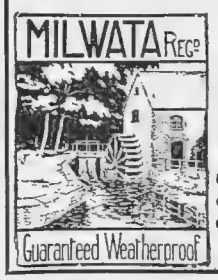

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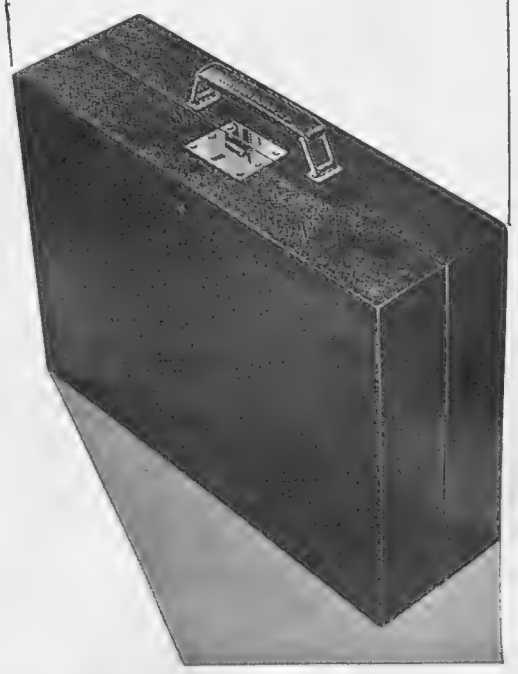

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Dagger in hand, he waited motionless. A short distance away, the sentinel stopped. There was a moment of tense silence while they faced each other. . . ."

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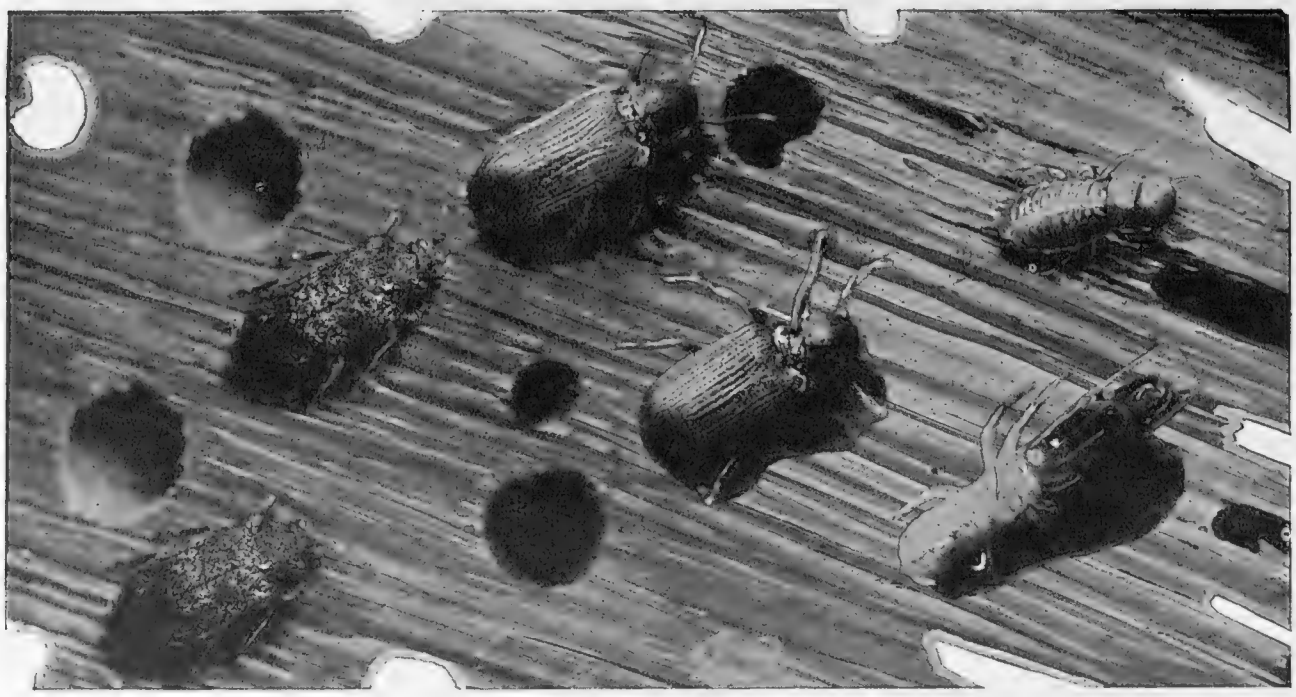

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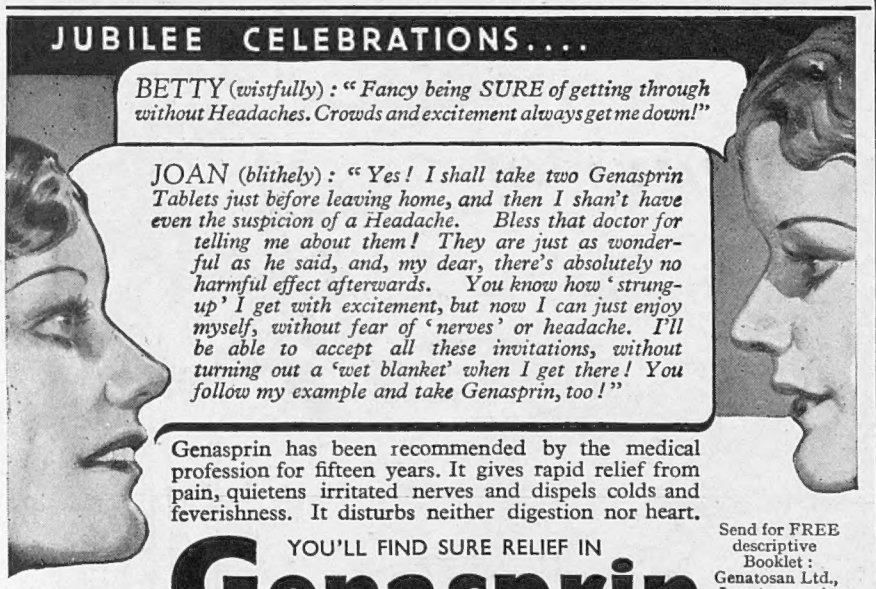

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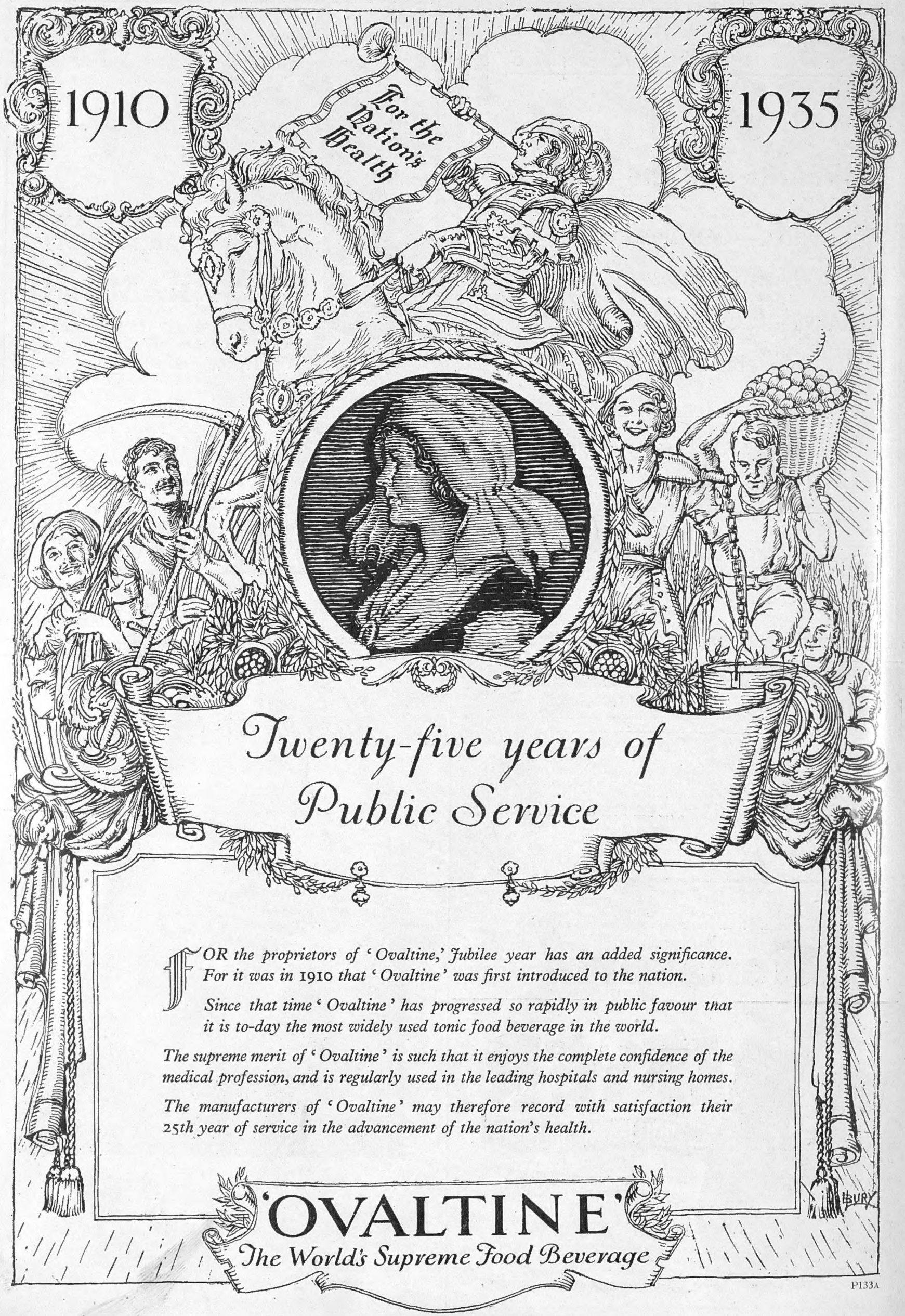

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McK., Cheshire (Italy).—Ischia is an extremely pretty island off Naples. It is an excellent place for those desiring a quiet holiday as it is little visited by foreign tourists. The best hotels are at Casamicciola on the north and prettiest side of the island, the most expensive hotel, the Suisse, charging from 30 to 36 lire per day (twenty rooms). The bathing at Casamicciola, and indeed all round the island, is good. The return 2nd class fare from London to Naples via Dover-Calais is £14 16s., which includes the 50 per cent. reduction granted by the Italian State Railways.

V., Lancs. (Walking tour in the Lake District). Following the itinerary given herewith you would do about nine miles per day and be able to stay the night at Youth Hostels. First day (afternoon) Windermere to Bowness, thence along the lake shore road to Troutbeck, Youth Hostel at High Cross Castle; second day, Troutbeck to Patterdale via Kirkstone Pass, and Brothers' Water, Y.H. at Goldrill, Patterdale; third day Patterdale to Grasmere, via Grisedale Pass and Grisedale Tarn, Y.H. at Thorney How, Grasmere; fourth day, Grasmere to Borrowdale, via Wythburn, (bus from Grasmere to Wythburn). Armboth Watendlath, Rosthwaite, Bowderstone, Y.H. at Hollows, Grange-in-Borrowdale; fifth day, Grange to Ennerdale via Rosthwaite, Seatoller, Gatesgarth, Scarth Gap Pass, Y.H. at Black Sail Hut, Ennerdale Head; sixth day, Ennerdale to Boot, via Black Sail Pass, Row, Wasdale Hall, Burnmoor Tarn, Y.H. at Taw House, Boot; seventh day, Boot to Coniston.

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J., Belfast (Poland).—The return 2nd class overland fare from London to Warsaw, via Calais and the Nord Express is £18 15s. 8d., the supplement for the 2nd class sleeping berth being £5 7s. 3d. each way. Visitors staying more than seven days in Poland obtain a reduction of about £2 on this fare. Via this route you would leave London at 2 p.m. and arrive in Warsaw at 5.50 the afternoon of the following day. On the return journey you would leave Warsaw at 12.35 noon, and arrive in London the following afternoon at 3.20. Travelling via the Hook of Holland the rail fare would be about the same, but the supplement for the sleeping berth would be only about £2 10s. each way.

V., London (Italy).—Inexpensive hotels in the Italian towns you mention include the following: Rome, Pensione Nella, Via Gaeta (20 lire per day); Naples, Pension Baker, Via Caracciolo (from 22 lire per day); Florence, Pension Balestri, Piazza Mentana (from 23 lire per day); Genoa, Pension Select, Via Ippolito d'Aste (from 22 lire per day); Turin, Hotel Rebecchino, Via Berthollet (from 8 lire per night).

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